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HOU hast here (courteous and and friendly Reader) the pleasant and delightful History of Reynard the Fox, which in an humble and low stile (couched to the natures of Beasts it treateth on) beareth in it much excellent Morality and hidden Wisdom, worthy both thy regard in the reading, and thine application in the course and commercement of thy Life and Actions: for, the aim at which it bendeth, is the overthrow of Vice, and the advancement of the Good and Virtuous.

Now, forasmuch as hitherto it hath flown into the World (like Sybila's loose Papers) covered with much obscurity and darkness: I have for thy more ease and contentment, to

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every several Chapter, annexed the Morals and Expositions of such dark places, as may hold thy Judgment, in Teeking to find out a Labyrinth to dark and curious. A labour, which I doubt not but it will prove both pleafant and wholesome, fince as a friendly Guide it will keep thy meditations from wandring aftray; and as a pleafant Companion, hold thee with fuch delightful difcourse, that thy Journey therein will neither be long nor irksome therein; at which End, if it arrive with a fair fafety, as it is faithfully and truly intended, I have the fum of my wishes, and thy felf the prosperity, both of this and other mens Endeavours.

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RETNARD the FOX.

CHAP. I.

How the Lyon Proclaimed a Solemn Feast at his Court, and how Isegrim the Wolf and his Wife, and Eurtise the Hound, made their Complaints of Reynard the FOX.

monly called Whicsonide) when the Woods are in their lufty-hood and gallantry, and every Aree cloathed in the green and white Livery of glozious leaves, and sweet smelling blossoms; and the earth covered in her fairest Mantle of Flowers, which the Birds with much joy entertain with the delight of their harmonious songs.

Eben at this time and entrance of the lufty Spaing, the Lyon the Kogal King of Beafts, to celebrate this holy Feaft-time with all triumphant ceremony, intends to keep open Court at his great Balace of Sanden; and to that end the of-

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lemn Broclamation) makes known over all bis Kingdom to all beaffs whatforber, that upon pain to be beld contemptuous, there one thould refort to that great celebration . fo that within few dang after (at the time prefired) all Beafts both great and [mall.came in infinite multitudes to the Court.only Reynard the for excepted, who knew himfelf guilty in fo wany trespasses against many Beasts, that his coming thither muff needs babe put bis life in great bagard and banger.



Dow when the King had affembled all his Court together there were few Beaffs found, but made their feberal com plaints against the for : but especially liegrim the Wolf, wbo bring the first and paincipal complainant, came with all his lineage and kindged, and flanding befoze the Bing, faid in this manner.

By dread and dearest Soberaign Lord the Bing, 3 humbly befeech you, that from the beight and frength of your great power, and the multitude of pour mercies, you will be plealed to take pity on the great trespalles and unsufferable injuries

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which that immosthy creature Reynard the for bath done to Howicever me, mp wife, and our whole family : of which to give pour a vicious man Digbnels fome taff, know (if it pleale your Majefty) that this perswades Reynard came into my boufe by violence, and against the himself to efwill of my wife, where finding my Children laid in my ment, by abquiet couch , be to be pift them in to rank a manner, that fenting himwith the harpnels of his Arine they fell instantly blind : felf from the for this offence a day was fet and appointed, wherein Rey-presence of nard hould come to ercufe himfelf, and to take a folem Dath ftrate; yet he that he was guiltless of that high injury: but as foon as the deceives him-Book was tendzed befoze him (he that well knew his own felf, & by conguiltiness) refused to swear, and ran instantly into his tempt anihole, both in contempt of your Pajefty and your Laws: mies to be This (my dread Lord) may not the noblest Beaus know more beld in which now are resident in your Court: Roz bath this alone their combounded his malice, but in many other things be bath tres plaints against past against me, which to relate, neither the time noz your him, as ap-Dighnels patience, would give lufferance thereunto: luffice it, mine injuries are fo great, that none can erced them and the chame and villang be bath done to my wife is fuch,

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mill expect from him amends, and from your Hajefig mercy. When the Molk had spoken these words, there stood by him a little Hound whose name was Cartise, who stepping forth, made likewise agriebous co uplaint (unto the King) against the Kor, saying, that in the ertream cold season of the winter, when the frost was most violent, he being half starved and de-



tained from all manner of paey, had no moze meat left him to fustain his life, than one poor Budding, which Budding (he faid) Reynard had most unjustly taken from him.

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But the Pound could hardly let the words by from his lips, when with a fiery and angry countenance, in sprang Tibert the Catamongs them, and falling down before the King, said, Py Lord the King, I must confess the for is here grievously complained upon: yet were other Beass actions searched each would have enough to do for its own clearing.

Touching the complaint of Curtife the hound, it was an offence committed many years ago: and though I my felf complain of no injury, yet was the Pudding mine, and not his: for I got it by night out of a spill when the Piller lay afteep: fo that if Curtife could challenge any thare thereof, it must be from mine interest.

When Panther beard thefe woods of the Cat. be ficod footh and faid. Do pou imagine Tibert, that it were a juff oz a good course that Reynard bould not be complained upon? who the whole Boald knows be is a murtherer, a rabifher, and a thief, and that indeed be loveth not truly any Creature, no not his Majeffy himfelf, but would fuffer his highnels to lofe both Bonour and Renown, fo that be might thereby attain to bimfelf but fo much as the leg of a fat Ben: 3 chall tell pou what I faw bim do pefferday to Kayward the Bare. nom fandetb in the Rings Beefence : be promifed unto Kayward that be would teach bim bis Credo, and make bim a good Chaplain; be made bim come fit between bis legs, find fing and cry aloud Credo, Credo, mp way lap thereby, and I beard the fong: then coming nearer, I found that or. Revward bad left bis first note and long, and began to play bis old deceit: for be bad caught Kayward by the throat, and bad Inot at that time come, be had taken his life alfo, as pour map fee by the fresh wound on Kayward at this prefent. mp Lozd the Ring, if pou luffer this unpunifed, and let bim go quit that bath thus broken your peace, and prophaned your Dignity, and boing no right according to the judgment of pour Laws, pour Paincely childzen, manypears bereafter. hall bare the flander of his ebil. Certainly Panther (fail Ifegrim) you fay true, and it is fit they receibe the benefit of Juffice, that Defire to libe in peace. CHAP.

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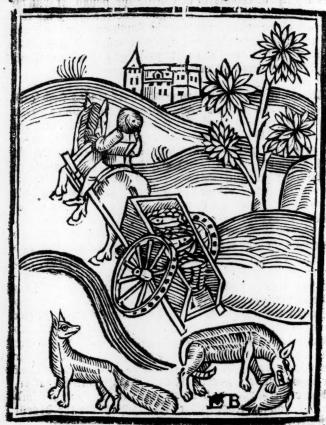
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CHAP. II.

How Grimbard the Brock spake for Raynard, before the KING.

Then spake Grimbard the Brock (that was Reynards fifters Son) being much moved with anger, liegrim, you are malicious, and it is a common Prover Malice never



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spake well, what can you say against my kinsman Reynard? The Moral. I would you durst adventure, that which of you had most in- without his jured one another, might die the death, and be hanged as a advocate: and fellon: I tell you, were he here in the Court, and as much be a man never in the Kings sabour as you are, it would be two little satisfies to lewed yet he sation so you to ask mercy: you have many times bitten one or other and town my kinsman with your venemous teeth, and much to plead for oftner then I can reckon; yet some I will call unto my re- him, especially membrance.

ness or wealth Babe you forgot bow you cheated bim with the Plaice in the offenwhich be threw down from the Cart, when you followed as der, or any alloof for fear ? pet pou beboured the good Plaice alone, and liance of blood gabe him no moze but the great bones, which you could not to those in faeat your felf: the like you did with the fat flich of Bacon, pears here by whole talle was lo good, that your felf alone ded eat it up ; the Brock, and when my Uncleasked bis part, pou answered bim with which pleads stroom, Kair young man thou shalt have thy share; but he got for the Fox; not any thing, albeit he won the Bacon with great fear and was of his kin, basard, for the owner came and caught my kiniman in a and next he Sack, from whence be bardly escaped with life : many of those was rich, and injuries bath liegrim bone to Revnard, which I befreth pour able to plea-Lezoships judge if these be sufferable : again, be complaineth fure him: lastthat my kiniman bath wronged bim in his wife: 'tistrue and be observed, I confels Reynard bathlien with ber : pet it was leben years the infinuation before liegrim did wed ber : and if my Ancie ont of courtefie f the advodid her a pleasure, what was that to him: the was soon cate, excusing bealed of ber foze: noz ought be to complain of any thing with a new not belonging to him; wisdom would have concealed it; for form of peniwhat credit gets be by the flander of his wife, especially when tence, clocking the ills, which the is not griebed? nothing foon-

Now comes Kayward the Pare with his complaint, which good man to to me feems but a trifle: foz if he will learn to read, and belief and forread not his lesson aright, who will blame the Scholl-master giveness. Reynard if he give him due correction: for if Schollars be not beaten and chassifed, they will never learn.

Laftly complaineth Curtife, that he with great pain had 28 2 gotten

notten a pubben in the Mindow, being a feafon in which biquals are bard ; me-thinks filence would babe become bim better, foz be bab fiolen it : and Male quesiffi, & male perdiciti, 'ris fit it was evil loff, it was evil won; who can blame Ramard to take foin goods from a thief? It is reafon that be that underftands the Law, and can difcern right, being it great and high birth, as my kiniman is, bo right unto the Law; Map, bad be banged up Curtife when be tok him in that manner, be bad offenbed nore but the Ring, in doing Juffice wichout leave; wherefoze for respect to bis Bajeffp be did it not, though be reap little thanks for bis labour: alafs bow do thefe complaints burt bim : mine ancle is a Wentleman, and a true man : nog can I indure falthood: be dorb norbing without the countel of the Paieft: and I affirm, finge my Load the Bing paoclaimed bis peace, be never thought to burt any man : for be eateth but once a day, be libeth as a Recluse, be chastiseth bis body, and weareth a thirt of bair-cloth: it is a year fince be eat any fleth (as I bave been trulp informed by them that came but geftreday from bim) be bath foglaken bis Caftle Malepardus, and abounded all Levalty, a poor Bermitage retains bim: bunting be bath foglwogn, and bis wealth be bath scattered, living only by alms and good mens charities; doing infinite penance for bis fins, fo that be is become pale and lean with praying and faffing, for be would fain be mith Wob.

Thus whilst Gimbard his Rephew stood Preaching, they perceive coming down the hill unto them, stout Chantecleer the Cock, who brought upon a Bier, a dead Hen, of whom Reynard had bitten of the head, and it was brought to the King to have knowledge thereof.

CHAP. III.

Chantecleer the Cock complaineth of Reynard the

CHANTECLEER marched foremon, smote piteously his bands a feathers, whilst on the other side the Bier, went two



two sozrowful Pens, the one was Copple, the other the good Pen Cragant, being two of the fairest Pens between Holland and Arden: these Pens boze each of them a straight bright burning Asper, and these Hens were sister to Copple (which lay dead on the Bier) and in the marching they cried, Alack, alack and well-a day for the death of Copple our Dear

The Mord. dear lifter, Two young Dens bare the Bier, which cackled When weked to heavily, and wept to loud for the death of Coppel their men cannot compass their mother, that the hills gave an eccho to the clamour: thus wickedness by being come befoze the Bing, Chanceleer kneeling bown, ftrong hand, or fpake in this manner.

violence against their eto entangle them many the fubtile acape being discovered.

Boff merciful and my great Load the Bing, bouchfate, I they fludy de- befeech pou to bear our complaint, and redgels thele injuries ceits and thit's which Reynard bath unjufily done to me, and my children, that bere frand weeping ; fog fo it is (moft mighty Sir) that which none is in the beginning of April, when the weather was fair, 3 beto powerful, ing then at the height of my paide and glozy, because of the as the thew of great flock and lineage I came of, and alfo in that I bad eight Religion: for balient fons, and feben fair baughters, which mp wife had that working batched, all which were firong and fat, and walked in a pard upon the cane batched, all which were firong and fat, and walked in a pard belief of the well walled, and fenced round about, wherein they had in fimple, makes leberal theds fog their guard fir fout Maftiff Dogs, which had toen the Skins of many wild Beafis ; fo that my chilbeen feared not any ebil which might happen unto them : themselves in ogen reared nor any euit which might pappen unto them: to the rough But Reynard, that false and diffembling araytoz, enbying Seas, whence their happy foatune because of their fafety, many times althere is no failed the walls, and gabe fuch dangerous affaults, that the help, but ship-Dogs divers times were let fozih unto him and hunted him wrack, as the away; pea, once they light upon him, and bit him, and made foolish Cock did to believe him pay the paice of bis thefr, as bis toan skin witneffed ; pet nevertheless he escaped, the moze was the pity; pet we Fox. Alfo in were quiet of his trouble a great while after; at laft be came this a man may in the likenels of a Bermit, and brought me a letter to read, though an e- Sealed with your Bajeffies Seal, in which I found waitten, vil man may that pour Bighnels had made peace throughout all your be now and healm, and that no manner of Beafis og fowl hould bo inthen excused jury one to another; affirming unto me, that for his own part of some faults, her was become a Bonk oz Cloystered Kecluse, bowing to thall not c- perform a daily penance for bis fins : thewing unto me bis Beads, bis Books, and the bair thirt nert to bis skin ; faping in bumble wife unto me : Sir Chantecleer, neber bencefeath be affraid of me, for I babe bowed neber moze to eat Aeh. ms E



I am now wared old, and would only remember my soul: therefore I take my leave: for I have yet my noon and my even-song to say: which spake, he departed saying his Credo as he went, and layed him down under a Pauthorn: at this I was exceeding glad, that I took no beed, but went and clocked my children together and walked without the Mail; which

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which I half ever rue: for falle Reynard lying under a huth, came creeping betwirt us and the gate, and suddenly surprised one of my children, which he thurst up in his mail, and bore away to my great sorow; for having tasted the sweetness of our steth, neither hunter nor hound can protect or keep him from us: Pight and day he waits upon us with that grædiness, that of sisteen of my children, he hath lest but four unslaughtered; and yesterday Copple my daughter (which bere lieth dead on the Bier) was after her mother by a Bennel of Hounds rescued from him. This is my complaint, and this I leave to your Highness mercy to take pity of me, and the loss of my fair Children.

The Kings answer to the Cocks complaint: and they sung the Dirge.

The Moral. Fere the fe that Then fpake the Bing, Sir Grimberd bere you this of your Uncle the Recluse? be bath fasted and paaped well : excuse bad actions, may well believe it, if I live a year, be thall dearly abide it : as for off nees return you Chantecleer, your complaint is beard, and thall be cured: to pour daughter that is bead, we will gibe ber the right buto diferace, rial, and with folemn Dirge baing ber to the earth with because evil mens vices be- worthip; which done, we will confult with our Loads, how ing disclosed, to Do pou right and juftice againft the murtherer. Then beexcuses are can the Placedo Domine, with all the berfes belonging to it. their shames which are to many to recite: and as foon as the Dirge was that make them: as it done, the body was interred, and upon a fair Warble fione happned now laid, being polithed as beight as glals : in which was in-Alfo in the Li- graben in great letters this inscription following, COPPLE on may be feen Chantecleers daughter, whom Repnard the Fox hath flain. the effects of lieth here buried; Mourn thou that readelt it: For her Death a good dispo-fition, which is was unjust and lamentable. After this the Bing sent for exprest in the bis Lozds and wifeft Councellogs, to confult bow this foul honours and murther of Reynards might be punifhed. In the end it was rights of buri- concluded that Reynard bould be fent foz, and without all al done to the excuse to appear before the Ming, to answer the trespasses that Mould a fatisfacton



for the grief her kin endured. In the Bear's willing. ness to fetch the Fox, is exprest how apt a malicious nature is to be employed in any thing that may offend his adversary, and how commenly fuch cmployments miscarry.

delivered by Bruin the Bear: to all this the King gave confent, and calling him befoze him, faid: Sir Bruin, it is our pleafure that you deliver this message, pet in the delivery thereof have great regard to your felf: for Reynard is full of policy, and knoweth how to distemble, statter and betray; he hath a world

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of snares to entangle you withal, and without great exercise of judgment, will make a scoon and mock of the best wisdom breathing. By Lord (answered Sir Bruin) let me alone with Reynard; A am not such a truant in discretion, to become a mock to his knavery: and thus full of jollity, the Bear departed: if his return be as jobial, there is no fear in his well speeding.



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CHAP. V.

How Bruin the Bear sped with Reynard the FOX.

The next morning away went Bruni the Bear in quest of the for, armed againft all Blots of Deceit whatfoeber : and as he came through a back foreft, in which Reynard had a bp path, which be used when he was bunted be saw a bigh mountain, over which he must pass to go to Malepardus: for though Reynard babe many boufes, pet Malepardus is his chiefeft and moft ancient Cafile, and init be lap both for befence and eafe : Dow at laft when Bruin was come to Malepardus, be found the gates clofe thut, at which after be bad knocked) fitting on bis tail) be called aloud. Sir Reynard, are pou at bome ? 3 am Bruin pour Kiniman. whom the Ring bath fent to fummen you to the Court, to an-Imer many foul acculation erhibited against you; and bath taken agreat Mow, that if you fail to appear to this fummons, that your life wall answer your contempt, and your gods and bonours thail lie confiscate at bis Bigbness mercy: Aberefoze, fair Biniman, be abuiled bp pour friend, and co with me to the Court, to thun the danger chat elfe will fall upon pau. Reynard lying close by the gate (as bis custom mas, for the warm Sun-fake) bearing thefe woods, beparced into one of bis boles, foz Malepardus is full of many intricate and curious Rooms, which (labzinth wife be could pals thozow, when either bis banger, og the benefit of any paep required the fame) where meditating a while with bimfelt bow be might counterplot and baing the Bear to Difgrace (whom be knew loved bim not) asd bimfelf to honour ; at laft be came foath, and faid, Dear Ancle Bruin, you are erceeding welcome, parbon my flownels in coming, foz at pour firft fpeech I was faging mp Eben fong; and debotion muft not be negleated : beliebo me be bath bone pou no god ferbice. noz do I thank bim which bath fent you this weary and long journey, in which your (west and toil, far erceeds the worth of the labour : certainly had you not come, 3 bad to morrow been at the Court of mine awn accord 199

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The Moral. pet at this time my forrow is much lessened, in as much in this En- as your counsel at this present, may return me double tween the Fox benefit : Alas Ancle! could bis Bajefty find no meaner a and the Bear, is mellenger than your noble felf to employ in thefe tribial afexpreft the fairs? trulp it appears frange to me : especially fince, nert diffimulation of two wicked bis Royal Self, you are of greatest renown both in Blood persons, each and Riches: foz my part I would we were both at Court, plotting to do for I fear our journey will be erceeding troublesome : for the other mif- to fpeak truth, fince 3 made my abstinence from fleth, 3 chief: wherein babe eaten luch ftrange new meats, that my body is bery feft commonly much diffempered, and fwelled as if it would break. Alas. get the victory dear Cousin (faid the Bear) what meat is this which at first; yet the makes you fo ill ? Ancie (answered be) what will it profit just caule, in you to know? the meat was fimple and mean, we poor Den vaileth. In the are no Loads you know, but eat that for neceffity, wbich Bears greedi- others eat for wantonness: pet, not to belap you, that which ness to eat ho- I eat, was Bonep-combs, great, full and most pleasant, which ney, is exprest, compelled my bunger, I eat so immeasurably, and am therethe lascivious by infinitely diffempered : ab, quoth Bruin, Poney-combs; inconstancy of by infinitely diffempered : ab, quoth Bruin, Poney-combs; a loofe unre- Do pou make fuch flight refpect of them, Dephew? why it is meat for the greatest Emperor in the Morio, fair De-

pheto, belp me but to fome of that Boney, and command me ture, that for a whilf I live; for one little part thereof I will be your fer ing of their bant eberlaftingly. Sure, faid the for (Ancle, you but jeft own delighes. with me. But jeft with pou, replied Bruin? bethaeto mp beart quice forger then, for I am in that ferious earneft, that for one lick there the bufinefs of, you shall make me the faithful ft of all your kindzed, and cares they Map, (faid tha for) if you be in earneft, then know, 3 will in the Fox is being you where so much is, that tell of you thall not be as exprest the ble to debour it at a meal; only for your love fake, which cunning of abobe all things I defire Ancle. Pot ten of us, faid the wifdom which Bear) it is impossible: for had I all the Bonep betwirt (to loofe na-Hibla and Portugal, pet 3 could in a thoat space eat it all ture) those mp felf. Aben know Encle quoth the for) that near at bais of deband here dwelleth a Busband-man named Lantert, who is lights, which being fivallowmaffer of fo much Boney, that you tannot confume in feben ed with greepears, which for your love and friendship lake I will put in diness, do ever to pour possession. Brun mad upon the Boney, Cwoze, that cheak the to have but one good meal thereof, he would not only be his swallower, as faithful, friend but also from the woulder of all his appeareth by faithful, friend but also siop the mouths of all his adber the Bear : who faries. Reviard smiling at his easie belief, faid, If pour is not only will habe feben & un' Ancie, pou thall habe it. Abefe wounded and woods pleased the Bear to well, and made him so pleasant, in danger of that be could not fand for laughing.

Mell, thought the for, this is good foztune; fure I will mock and lead him where he hall laugh moze meafurably : and then forn to his faid, Ancle, we must delay no time, and I will spare no pain enemies. Also for your fake, which for none of my kin 3 would perform. ufed on the Abe Bear gabe bim many thanks, and fo away they went, Bear by the the for promiting him as much Boney as be could bear, but common peomeant as many firokes as be could undergo; in the end, they ple, is flewed, how when any came to Lantert's Boule, the fight whereof made the Bear ill man is once rejopce. This Lantert was a flout and luftp Carpenter, who fnared in his: the other day had baought into his pard a great Dak, which vices, every (as their manner is) be began to cleabe, and had firuck into one of what it two wedges, in such wife, that the cleft stod a great way from the open : at which the for rejopeed much, foz it was answerable highest to the to bis with: fo that with a smilling countenance be faid to the lowest, are rea-Bear, Bebold note, bear Encle, and be careful of pour dy to profefelf, for within this tree is so much Bonep, that it is unwest venge them-

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furable, try if you canget into it; yet good Ancle eat moderately: for albeit the Combs be tweet and good yet a furfeit is dangerous, and may be troublesome to your body, which I would not for Morald, fince no harm can come to you, but must be my dishonour. Sorrow not for me; Pephew Reynard 2said the Bear mor think mesuch a fool, that I cannot tem-

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per mine appetite. It is true, mp beff Uncle, I was too bold. I pear you enter in at the end, and you hall find your defire. The Bear with all baffe entzed the tree, with his two feet forward, and thruft his bead into the cleft, quite over the ears: which when the for perceibed, be infantly ran and puil'h. the medges out of the tree. To that he locked the Bear fuff therein and then neither flatery noz anger abailed the Bear : for the Dewphew bad by bis decei brought the Ancle into fo faft a paifon, that it was impossible by any Art to free bimfelf of the same. Alas: what profiteth now his great ffrength and balour? wbp, they are both causes of moze beration and bear and with feratching and tumbling to make fuch a noise. that Lanfert, amaged, came baffily out of bis boufe, babing in bis band a harp book, whilft the Bear lay wallowing and be finding bimfelt befitute of all relief began to bowl and roaring within the tree : which the for afar off feeing, be faid to the Bear in fcoan, Is the Boney good Uncle) which pou eat? bow do pou? eat not too much I befeech pou; pleafant things are apt to furfeit, and you may hinder your journep to the Court : wben Lanfert cometh if pour belly be full)



be will give you brink to digeft it, and wash it bown your thenat: and habing thus faib, be went towards the Caffle. But by this time Lanfert finding the Bear fall taken in the tree, be ran to bis neighbours, and befired them to come into bis pard, for there is a Bear faft taken there : Which being noifed thosow all the Hown, there was neither Wan. nos Moman noz Child, but ran thither : fome with one meapon. and fome with another, as Boads, Rakes, Broom fabes and what they could gather up : the Bzieft had the handle of the Crofs, the Clerk bad Boly water fpzinkleb, and the Brieff's wife. Dame Tullock with her Diffaff, foz the was then fpin: ning: Pap, the old Beldams came, that had never a tooth in their beads. This Army put Bruin into a great fear, being none but bimfelf to withfiand them, and bearing the clamour of the noise which came thundaing upon bim, be weeftled and pulled fo extreamly that be got out bis bead, but left bebind bim all the skin, and his ears allo; infomuch that neber creature bebeid a fouler oz moze befoamed Beaft : foz the blood covered all his face and his bands, leaving the claws and skin bebind bim, nothing remaining but uglinefe: 'thas an ill market the Bear came to; for be loft both motion and fight, feet and eves : but notwithftanding this to2. ment. Lantert, the Brieft, ond the whole Barif came upon him and to be cudgell'd bim about his body part, that it might well be a warning to all in in miferp, to know that ever the weakest thall still go to the walls : This the Bear found by erperience, for every one exercised the beight of their furies appen bim; even Houghlin wirb the crooked leg; and Ludolf mith the long broad nofe, the one with a leaden Wall, and the other with an iron whip, sil to be lamed poor Sir Bruin: not fo much, but Sir Bertoif with the long fingers, Lanfert and Ortam did bim moze annopance than all the reft, the one babing a farp Melth-book, the other a crooked flaff well leaded at the end, which be used to play at flab-ball withall: there was Burkin and Armes-Ablequack, Bane the Baieft with his flaff, and dame fullock bis wife: all thefe fo be-laboured the Bear, that bis life was in great danger : the pooz Bear in this Malacre fate and figbed extreamly, groaning under the burthen of their froaks, of which Lanfert s were the great-

preatest, and thundered most breadfully: for Dame Podge of Cafportwas bis Wother, and bis father was Marob the Ste. ple maker, a passing fout man when be was alone: Bruin received of bim many howers of fiones, till Lanferts Brother ruthing before the reft with a ffaff, ftruck the Bear on the head fuch a blow, that be could neither bear noz fee; fo that awaking from the aftonifment, the Bear leapt into the Miber adjoining, through a cluffer of Wives there flanding together, of which threw divers into the water, which was large and deep, amongst whom the Warfons wife was one. tebich the Warfon feeing bow the floated like a Sea meto. be left firiking the Bear, and cryed to the reft of the companp.belp.ob belp! Dame Jullock is in the water belp both Wen and Momen, for wholoever labes ber, Igibe free parbon of all their fins and trangressions, and remit all penance impofed whatfoeber: this beard every one left the Bear to belp dame Tullock, which as foon as the Bear fat, be cut the fiream, and Iwam away as fast as be could; but the Waieft with a great noife purfued bim, crping in a great rage, Aurn Willian that I map be rebenged of thee : but the Bear Iwam in the firength of the fiream, and suspected not his calling, for he was proud that be was escaped from them: only be bitterly curft the Bonep-tree, and the for, which had not only betraved bim. but had made him lofe his bood from his face, and his gloves from bis fingers : in this foat be fwam fome three miles bown the water, in which time be grew to wearp: that be went on the Land to get eafe, where blood trickled down bis face ; be groaned, fighed and deem his breath fo thort as if his laft hour bad been erpiring: Dow whilft thefe things were in boing, the for in his way bome fole a fat Ben, and threw ber into his Wale a running thozow a by path that no man might perceibe bim, be came to the Riber with infinith jop : for be fuspected that the Bear was certainly flain: therefore faid to himfelf. Pp foztune is as I witht it, for the greatest enemy I had in the Court is now dead : noz can any man suspect me guilty thereof; but as be spoke these words looking towards the Riber, be efpied where Bruin the Bear lay refting which firuck bis beart with grief; and be railed againft Lantert the Carpenter, laping, filly fool that thouart, what mad man would babe

have loft fuch good benifen, especially being to fat and wholfom, and for which be took no pains, for be was taken to bis hand: any man would babe been proud of the fortune which thou neglecteft. Thus fretting and chibing be came to the Riher, where he found the Bear all wounded and bloody, of which Reynard was only guilty; pet in fcoan be faid to the Bare. Monfier. Dieu vous grade. Dithon foul red billian, faid the Bear to bimfelf, what impudence is like this? But the For went on with bis fpeech, and faid, What Uncle? habe pou fozgot any thing at Lanfert, or have you paid for the Bonep comes you fiele ? if you have not it will redound much to pour difgrace, which befoze pou thall undergo. I will pap him foz them mp felf; fure the bonep was erceitent good, and I know much moze at the same price : Good Ancie, tell me befoze Ago, into what ozber do you mean to enter; that you wear this new fastioned bood? will you be a Wonk, an Abbot, oz a Frier? furely be that thaved your crown, hath cropt your ears, also your fozerop is loft, and rour globes are gone, fie floben, go not bare-banden; they fap you can fing Peccavi rarely. Thefe taunts made Bruin mad with rage : but becaufe be could not take revenge, be was content to let bim talk bis pleafure! then after a small reft, be plunged again into the River, and Iwam over the fiream, and landed on the other fide, where be began with much grief to meditate bow be might get to the Court; for he bad loft bis ears, bis Kalons, and all the skin off his feet fo that he had a thousand deaths followed bim; be could not go, pet of necessity be must move, that in the and compelled by extremity, be fet bis buttocks on the ground, and tumbled his body over and over: for by degrees tumbling now baif a mile, and then baif a mile, in the end be tumbled to the Court : where divers bebolding his frange manner of approach, they thought fome prodigie had come towards them; but in the end the Bing knew bim. and grew angry, faging, It is Sir Bruin mp ferbant, what billians babe wounded bimthus? oz where bath be been, that be bairas bis death thus along with bim? Dmp baead Soberaign Lozd the King (cryed out the Bear) 3 complain griveoufig unte you: behold bow 3 am maffacred, which 3 bumbly befeech you revenge on that false Reynard, who for donig.

hoing pour Boyal pleafure bath baought me to this difgrace and Haughter. Aben faid the Bing. Dow durft be do this? now by my Crown I fwere, I will take revenge, which hall make the Araptoz tremble: whereupon the Bing fent foz all his Council, and confult bow, and in what fort to profecute against the for: where it was generally concluded. that he thould be again fummoned to appear and answer his trefpaffes; and the party to fummon bim, thep appointed to be Tibert the Cat, as well for bis grabity, as wiftom: all which pleafed the King well.

CHAP. VI.

How the King sent Tibert the Cat for Reynard the FOX.

Then the King called for Sir Tibert the Cat, and faid to The Moral. him, Sir Tibert, you shall go to Reynard, and summon him By the sending of the Cat to the second time, and command him to appear, and answer serch the Fox, bis offences; for though be be cruel to other Beaffs, pet to is exprest the pou be is courteous; affure bim if be fail at the first fum care of Govermons, that I will take to febere a courfe against him, and his nours, that they pofferity, that bis erample fall certifie all offenders. Aben have been defaid Tibert the Cat. App dread Lord, they were my foes which ceived by the thus advis'd you for there's nothing in me that can force bim pride and either to come, 02 tarry : 3 befrech your Pajeffy fend fome one oftentation of fuch as they of greater power, Jam little and feeble: belides,if noble Sir did employ. Bruin.that is fo frong and mighty could not inforce him, what and though will my weaknels abail? The Bing replied, it is your wif- difcreet, that bom, Sir Tibert, Jemploy, and not your ffrength; and many then they feek out those that prebail with Art, when biolence returns with loft labour : are known Mell, faid the Cat, fince it is pour pleafure, it must be ac wife, and emcomplified. Beaben make my fortune better than mp heart ploy them, bepresageth: Thus Tibert made things in readines, and went cause wisdom to Malepardus, and in his journey, he faw come figing to vented by a wards bim one of Saint Martins Birds, to whom the Cat greater wifcried aloud, hail gentle bird; I befeech thee turn the wings dom. In the and fig on my right hand: but the bird turned the contrary Cats much way, and flew on the left fide; then grew the Cat bery hear go, is express, by, for be was wife and skilful in Augurifm, and knew the the unwilling-

dle in dangerous matters, especially when they with whom far beyond them : vet when authority commads, they must rend.

nefsawife man fign to be omnious ; neberthelefs (as many do) be armed hath to med bimfelf with better bope, and went to Malepardus, where be found the for fanding befoze the Caffle gates, to tobom Tibert faib, Bealth to mp fair Coufin Reynard : fo it is.that the Ring by me fummons pou to the Court; in which. if von hold the party fail or befer time, there is nothing more affured unto you they have to than a cruel and fudden beath. The for antwered. Weldo, of areach come bear Coufin Tibert, I obey pour command, and wiff mp Lozd the Bing infinite days of bappinels; only let me intreat you to fift with me to night, and take fuch chear as mp fimple boufe affogdeth, and to mogrow as early as you will, we will go towards the Court, foz I babe no Minfobey, though man 3 truft fo bearly as pour felf. Bere was with me the never fo ma- other day, the treacherous Bright Sir Bruin the Bear, who ny dangers at-lock'd upon me with that tyrannous cruelty, that I would not for the wealth of an Empire basard my perfon with bim, but mp bear Counn, with pou I will go, were a thouland ficknelles upon me. Tibert replied, Bou fpeak like a noble Gentleman, and metbinks it is beft now to go fo2ward, for the Woon bines as bright as bap. Dap, Dear Coufin (faid the for) let us take day befoze us, fo map we encounter with our friends: the night is full of danger and fuspitions. Mell faid the Cat, if it be pour pleasure. I am content: what thall we eat? Reynard faid trulp mp flore is finall, the beff I babe is a bonep-comb, to plefant and Iweet, what think you of it? Tibert replyeth, it is meat A little refpect, and feldom eat : I bad rather babe one Mouse, than all the honey in Europe. A Mouse (faid Rev. nard) who mp dear Coufin, bere dwelleth a Wzieft bard bp, who batha Barn bpbis boufe fo full of mice, that I think half the Bains in the Barith are not able to bear them. D dear Reynard (quoth the Cat) do but lead me thither, and make me pour ferbant fog eber: wbp (faid the for) but love you mice fo erceedingly? Beyond expression (quoth the Cat) why a moule is beyond Menison, or the belicatest eates on Painces Tables : therefoze conduct me thirber, and command my friendhip in any matter: bad you flain my father, mp mother: and all my kin, I would clearly forgive POH.

CHAP, VII.

How Tibert the Cat was deceived by Reynard the FOX.

The P faid Renayard, Sure pou de but jeff. Po by mp life faid the Cat. Mell then (quoth the for) if pou be in earneft I will Co work, that this night will I fill pour belly; 'tis not polsible, faid the Cat : then follow me, faid the for, for 3 will bring you to the place prefently : thus away they went with all fpeed to the Baieffs Barn, which was well walled about with a mud-wall, where but the night befoze the for bad baoken in, and fiole from the Waieft an erceeding fat Ben; at which the Beieft was fo angep, that be bab fet a grin oz fnace befoze the bole, to catch bim at bis nert coming which the falle for knew perfectly, and therefore faid to the Cat, Sir Tiber, creep in at this bole, and beliebe it pou fall not tarry a minutes fpace, but you fall have moze mice than you are able to debour : bark, you may bear boto they fqueek: when pour belly is full, come again, and I will stay and wait for you hear at this hole, that too mozrow we map go together to the Court: but good Coufin flap not too long, for I know my Wife will bourly expect us. Then (faid the Cat) think pou I map fafely enter in at this bole? thefe Bziefis are wife and fubtile, and couch their banger oft close, that rathness is soon overtaken. The Coufin Tibert (faid the for) I neber fam pou turn comard befoge? what man, fear pou a hadow? The Cat achamed at his fear, sprang quickly in at the bole, but was presently caught fast by the neck in the Bain, which as foon as the Cat felt and perceived, be quickly leapt back again : fothat the fnare runing clofe together, be was half frangled, so that he began to fruggle and cry out, and erclaim most piteously: Reynard flood befoze the bole and.

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peard all, at which he infinitely rejoyced, and in great scorn said, Cousen Tibert, love you Dice? I hope they be well sed so your sake? knew the Priest or Martinet of your seasing, I know them of so good disposition, they would bring

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being you fauce quickly; merbinks you fing at pour meat, The Moral. is that the Court-fathion? if it be, I would liegrim the By the Fox infnaring the Molt were coupled with you, that all my friends might be Car is exprest, feaffed together,

But all this while the poor Cat was fak, and mewed fo pitiously, that Martinet leaps out of bis bed, and creed to to reconciled bis people, Arife, for the thief is taken that hath from our friends, they Bens :

Mith thefe woods the Baieft unfoatunately role up, and therefore eveawaked all in his boule crying, out the for is taken, the ry wife man for is taken: and arifing fark naked, be gave to fullock thould fo cemhis wife an offering candle to light, and then coming first per his affectito Tibert, be imote bim with a great fieff, and after bim mas grow not fond np others: fo that the Cat received many deadly blows, and of any thing the anger of Marriner was so great, that be firuck out one in his enemies of the Cats eyes, which he did to second the naked Pzieff, power, how athinking at one blow to dath out the Cats beains: but the ver it be, ei-Cat perceibing his death to near him, in a desperate mood ther with his be leapt between the Beieffs legs, and with bis claws nature or his and teeth so fasined on his genitozs, that in all the pailet. For the great Turks Seraglio, be was not a clearer Cunuch : nemy are only which when dame fullock his wife fato, the erged out and guilded Pills, Imore, the had rather have loft the whole Differings of one which are fair feben years, then that one poor little morfel : and withall to look on, but curft that ever the Gain was invented : and calling Martinet, tale. By the See, my Son, this the fathers del ght, and my Jewel, but mifchiefwhich. it is now spoiled, to his thame and my utter loss for ever: the Prieft refor howfoever he be cured, pet to me he can neber moze ceived, is shewbe comfoztable.

All this while Reynard flood befoze the bole, and law catch; and that what passed, and laughed to extreamly, that his body the trap which was ready to break; faying to Dame Jullock, fie and then fet for oman , do not togment pour felf (o, the Brief bath thers, brings loft but one fone, pou may pet receibe one bew TCE. hurt to them-"the felves. Dow whilft the for thus fcoff'd the Wziefts da.

how when men will trust their enemies. or give credit evermore mifcarry in their defigns, and ons, that he ed that they which harm watch, harm



poor tell down in alwound: to that every man lest the revive the Priest: which whilest they were doing, rot for returned home to Malepardus, so he imagined the Cat was past all hope of escape: but the poor Cat seeing

feeing all bis foes buffe about the Priefit be prefently began to gnaw and bite the card, till be bab thared it quiet afunder in the midft, which bone, be leapt out of the bole, and went roaring and tumbling (like the Bear) to the Bings Court. But befoze be got thither, it was far dap, and the bun being rifen, be entred the Court, like the pitifulleft Beaff that ever was beheld. Hoz by the for's craft, bis Boby was besten and bauffed, bis bones fbibered and baoken; one of bis epes lon. and bis skin rent and mangleb. Abis when the King bebeid, and faw Tibert fo pitifully mangled, be grew infinitely angry, and took countel once moze, both to rebenge the injuries upon the for. After fome confultatie on. Crimbard the Brock, Reynard's Sifters Son, faib tothe reft of the Rings Council, Op good Lozds, though mp Eincle were twice as ebil as thefe complaints make bim, pet there is remedy enough against thele mischiefs, therefore it is fit you do bim Juffice, as to a Ban of bis rank, which is, he muß be the third time fummoned, and then if be appear not, make bim quilty of all that is laid againft bim. Then the Ring bemanded of the Brock, whom be thought fitteft to fummon bim, oz who thould be fo defperate to basard his bands, his ears, nay, his life, with one so tyrannous and irreligious? Eruly (antwered the Brock) if it pleate pour Bajeftp. 3 am that befperate perfon, who bare abuenture to carry the message to my most subtile Kinsman, if your Digbnels but command me.

CHAP, VIII.

How Grimbard the Brock was sent to bid the FOXto the COURT.

Then faid the King, Go Grimbard, for I command pour yet take beed of Reynard, for he is subtile and malicious: The Brock thanked his Pajesty, and so taking his humble leave, went to Malepardus, where he found Reynard a kinclin his Wife, sporting with their young whelps, that having saluted his Ancle and his Aunt, he said, Take head fair Ancle, that pour

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The Moral. m the fending of the Brock the vicious cannot be overtaken and brought to anfwer, then it is meet to use their own weapons against them, and with policy, which can no way be berrer done than by employing their own kindred. and fuch as they most dearly affect. to perswade them, because Affection is ever a prevailing Orator.

The Moral.

m the sending cause, than the offence both beferbe: believe it, it is high time of the Brock to fetch the pour appear at Court, since your belay both bying but more fox, is shew. Danger and punishment: the complaints against you are instead, that when nite, and this is your third time of summons: Aberesore your the vicious wisdom may tell you, that if you delay but one day surther,



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there is not left to pour noz pours any bope of mercy : for within three days pour Caftle will be Demolified, pour kindzed made flaves, and pour felf erempted for a publick erample. Therefoze my beff Ancie, 3 befeech pou recollect pour wisdom, and go with me prefently to the Court. 3 noubt not but rour discretion will ercute you; for you babe past thosow many as eminent perils, and made your foes ahamed, whilft the Innocency of your caufe bath bozn pou footless from the Aribunal. Revnard antwered. Deshew. pou fay true, and I will be abbifed and go with you, not to answer offences, but in that 3 know the Court fands in need of mp Countel; the Bings mercy I boubt not, if I may come to fpeak with his Bajeffy, though mine offences were ten times boubled ; foz I know that the Court cannot fand without me, and that wall bis Digbnels unberkand truly , though I know I babe many enemies, per it troubles me not, for mine innocence fooll amaken their injuries, and they thall know that in bigb matters of State and Bolicy. Reynard cannot be milsing: A ber may well barp upon things. but the pitch and ground muft come from mp relation : It is the entry of others bath made me leave the Court; for though I know their ballownels cannot difgrace me, pet may their multitudes oppzels me : Deberthelels (Dephew) I will go with you to the Court, and aniwer foz my feif, and not basard the welfare of my Bife and Children; the King is too mighty, and though be do me injury I will bear it with patience. This Spoke, be turn'b to bis Wife, and Dame tamelin, have a care of mp Children, Specially Revnikin mp poungeft Son, foz be bas much of mylobe, and I bope will fellow mp fleps; and Roffel is passing bopeful, and I love bim intirely; therefore regard them, and if 3 escape, boubt not but mp love thall require pou. leabestaking, Ermelin wept, and ber Childzen bowled; tor their Lord and Midular was gone, and Malepardus left unpzobideb.

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CHAP. IX.

How Raynard, shrove him to Grimbard the Brock.

The Moral. The fhrift of eth , That when evil men are in 10 evil, yet they get a good name, nion of the multirude. By which the Brock gave the Eox, is shewed, how eafily an honest simple man may be lieve a knaves penance, and

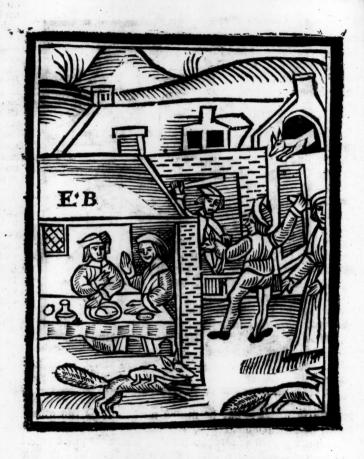
THE Revnard and Grimbard had gone a good war on their journey, Reynard flaged, and faid, Dear the Fox, flew- Depheto, blame me not if my heart be full of care, foz my life is in great bagard; pet to blot out my fins with repentange, and to can of the burden, gibe me leabe to danger, than that be my felf unto you: I know you are holy; and ba. they ever fain bing receibed penance toz mp fin, my foul will be quiet. moft Religion; Grimbard bib bim proceed. Aben faib the for, Confiteand by a shew bor tibi Pater. Pay, said the Beeck, if pou will shribe to win pity from me, do it in English that I map understand you: Then faid all those that Reynard, I habe gribeoufly offended against all the Beafts dive not into that libe, and especially mine Uncle Bruin the Bear, whom the depth of I lately mallacred; and Tibert the Cat, whom I enfrared and knavery. in a Bain: I babe trefpaffeb againft Chantecleer and bis Whereby tho Children, and babe beboured many of them; nap, the Bing they be never bath aot been quit of mp malice, foz I babe flandered bim and his Queen. I babe betraped liegrim the Molf, and called bim Ancie, though no part of his blood ran in my beins. and steal opi- I made bim a Wonk of Esmane, where I became also one of the Deber, only to bo bim open miftbief. 3 made bim bind the absolution his foot in the Bell-rope to teach him to ring, but the Beal bad like to have coff bim bis life, the wen of the Barit beat and wounded bim fo foze: after this 3 taught bim to catch fith, bur be was foundly beaten therefoze, and feeleth the firipes at this infant. Iled bim to feal Bacon at a rich Baieffs Boufe, where be feb fo ertreamfp, that not being able toget out where be got in, I raifed all the Mown up: brought to be- on bim. and then went where the Paieft was fet at Deat with a fat Ben befoze bim : which Den & fnacht awap, fo how apt they that the Baieft cried out, Bill the for, foz neber Ban are to forgive law any thing lo firange, that the for hould come into my trefpaffes up Bonfe, and take my Deat from befoze me : This is a bold: on fained for necs beyond knowledge: and with these words be threw row, which in necs beyond knowledge: and with these words be threw

of Reynard the FOX.



deed should nor be done without a more ftrict and fevere examarion. The Fox's leading the Brock by the Monastry and taking the Capon, sheweth. that where wickedness is rooted and made as it were a habit. that there notwithstanding all, hypocrifie will ftill flash out, and a knave will be a knave in despight of all perswafions and good counfel.

bis koite at me, but he missed me, and I ran away, whils he pursued me, crying, kill the for, kill the for; and after him a world of People, whom I led to the place where Isegrim was, and there I let my Hen fall, for it was too heady for me (yet much against my will) and then springing through a hole. I got into safety. Now as the Priest took up the Hen, he espised Isegrim, and then cried out, Hrike, friends, sirike, here is the Molf, by no means let him escape us: Then the People came all together with clubs and sabes,



and with a dreadful noise, giving the poor Molf many a deadly blow, and fome throwing somes after him, hit him such
more tal blows on the body, that the Molf fell down as if he
had been dead; which perceived, they took him and drag d him
by the heels over stocks and somes, and in the end threw him
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into a Ditch without the Willage and there be lay all night : but bow be got thence Iknownot. Another time 3 led bim to a place where I told bim were feben Cocks and Bens fet on a pearch, all luft and fat, and barb by the place flood a falle boog, on which we climed: Aben I told bim if be could creep in at that door, be thould find the Bens. Then liegrim with much joy went laughing to the booz, and entering in a little, and groping about, be faid, Reynard pou abuse me, for bere is nothing : Aben replied 3. Ancle thep are further, and if you will babe them, you must adbenture fog them: Those which used to fit there, I my felf bad long fince : at this the Molf going a little further, I gave bim a puff fozward, fo that be fell down into the boufe, and his fall was fo great, and made fuch anoife, that they which were affeep in the Boufe, awaked and cried, that something was fallen down at the trap-door; whereupon they arofe, and lighted a candle, espping bim, they beat and wounded bim to death. Thus I brought the Molf to many basards of his life, moze then 3 can now either remember og reckon, which as they come to my mind, I will reveal to you hereafter. I habe also grieboufly offended against Dame Arle-winde bis Wife, of which I must repent me, foz it was bigbly to ber bifbonour. Ancle, faid Grimbard, I underfland you not, you make your fhaift unperfect; fog you fap pou babe offended, but declare not in what. Pardon me Depbew. I know you bate to bear the diffonour of Momen: The truth is I babe lain with ber : Thus babe I told you my Mickednels, now oader my penance as thall feem fit in pour discretion. Paw Grimbard was both learned and wife, and therefore brake a rod from a tree, and faid, Uncle, pou mall three times firike pour body with this red, then lap it bown upon the ground, and spzing three times over it without bewing of your leas, or flumbling: then thall you take it up, and kils it gently, in fing of your meekness and obedience to your penance; which done, you are absolved of your fins committed to this day, for 3 p20nounce unto pou clear remission. At this the for was erceed ing glad, and then Grimbard faid unto bim, See that benceforth, mincle, you bo good morks, read your Wfalter, go to Church.

Church, faft Mirgils, keep Bolp baps, gibe aims, and feabe your finful and epil life, your theft and your treaton, and then no doubt you thall obtain mercy. The for promifed to perform all this; and fo they ment together towards the Court: But a little besides the way as they went, stood a Religious boufe of Duns, where many Beefe, Bens and Capons, went without the wall:and as they went talking the for led Grienbard out of his right way to that place, and finding the Bullen walking without the Barn, amongst which was a fat young Capon, which ftraped a little from bis fellows : at which be Endbenly leapt, and caught him by the feathers, which flew about bis ears ; but the Capon escaped: which Grimbard fee. ing faid Accurred man, what will pou bo, will you for a filly Bullet fall again into all pour fins? mifchief it felt would not Do it : to mbich Reynard answered. Wardon me dear Des phew, I bad foggotten my felf, but I will ask foggibenels. and mine epe thall no moze wander. And then they turned over



a little Bridg; but the for fill glancing his eye towards the Bullen, and could by no means refrain it; for the ill that was bred in his bones fill fluck to his fleth, and his mind carried his eyea that way as long as he could fee them; which the Brock noting, faid fie, diffembling Coufin, why wander your eyes foafter the Bullen? The for replied, Pephew, you do me injury to to mistake me, for mine eyes wandred not, but I was saying a Pater Noster for the Souls of all the Bullen and Geese which I have flain and betrayed, in which Debotion you hindred me. Mell, said Grimbard, it may be so, but your glances are suspicious. Pow by this time they were come into the way again, and made hast towards the Court, which as soon as the for saw, his Heart quaked sor sear: sor he knew well the crimes he was to answer, sor they were infinite and hanious.

CHAP. X.

How the Fox came into the Court, and how he excused himself.

S foon as it was bauited in the Court that Reynard the for, and Grimbard bis Kinsman were arrived there. every one from the highest to the lowest, prepared bimfelf to complain of the for: at which Reynards heart quaked, but bis countenance kept the old garb, and be went as proudly as ever he was wont, with his Dephew threw the fireet and came as gallantly into the Court, as if be bad been the kings Son, and as clear from trefpals, as the moft innocent whatfoeber : and when came befoge the Chair of State, in which the Ring fate, be faid. Beaben gibe pour Bajeffp Blogp and Renown above all the Bainces of the Carth: I affure pour Highnels there is never King bad a truer ferbant than my felf babe been to you and per am, and fo will die : Debertbelefs (Mp dzead Lozd) I know there be many in this Court that feek my confusion, if they could win belief in your Baieffp; but you scoan the flanders of malice, and although in these Days

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The Moral. days, Natters have the most room in Painces Courts, In the Fox's per with you it is not so, not shall they reap any the Court, is thing but shame for their labour. But the King cut him shewed, Thit short at these words, and said, Beace, traiterous Reywhen a Moral at these words, and said, Beace, traiterous Reywhen hard, I know your dissimulation, and can expound taster is your stattery, but both shall now fail you: think you flice, that then it hath too often deceived me: the Beace which A comiss the six the s

that have been injured, to their utter complaints, because then only redress is to be here. In the Lion is express the lawfulness of Justice, and how terrible it is to every effender, especially such as have the guilt of Coscience within them. The Foxe's bold behaviour thems, That impudent Malesastors when they are called in question, make audacity their chief guard; and by railing against their adversaries, do seek to extenuate the locates of their offences; but Truth and Justice will not be hood-winck'd.

as he would have gone forward, Chantecleer cryed out. & bow have I loft this noble Beace, be ffill Chantecleer (fai b the King) and then be proceeded. Abou Debil among good ones; with what face canft thou fay thou loveft me, and feeft all those weerched Creatures ready to disprove thee: whose bery wounds pet fpit bloody befiance upon thee: and foz which beliebe, thy beareft life thall answer; In nomine Patris, &c. faid the for, my dzead Lozd,if Bruin's crown be bloody, what is that to me? If your Bajeffy imployed him in a message, and be would nealest it to steal Bonep at the Carpenter's Boule, where he received his wounds, how thall Jamendit? If rebenge be fought, why bid be not take it himself? He is firong and puissant, it was not for to be lookt on as my weakness. As for Tibert the Cat (whom I received with all friendipip) if be against my will og adbice, will feal into the Baieffs Baan to catch Dice, and there lofe his eyes, nay, his life, wherein is my offence? og bote become Itheir Buardian? Dmy dread Loed, pour may bo your Royal pleasure; and however mine innocency plead, get your will may adjudge me to what death contents pou: I am your Maffal, and habe no support but your mercy: I know your firength and mine own weaknels, and that my death can pield pou but small fatisfaction : pet whatfoeber pour will is, that to me thall be most acceptable. And as be thus fpake, Bellin the Ram fept foath, and bis Ewe-Dame Ofeway, and besought the King to bear their complaint; with them Bruin the Bear, and all bis mighty line: age: And Tibert the Cat, Ifegrim the Molf, Kayward the Bare, and Panther the Booz, the Cammel, and Bruel the Goofe, the Bid and the Colt, Bauldwin the Aue, Bortel the Bull, and Hammel the Dre, the Meutel, Chantecleer the Cock, and Pattlet with all ber Children. All thefe with one entire noise cried out against the for, and so moved the Bing with their complaint, that the for was taken and arreffeb.

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CHAP. XI.

How the Fox was arrested and judged to DEATH.

Thon this Arreft a Barliament was called, and ebern boice went that Reynard thould be erecuted : notwith: flanding be answered every objection feberal, though great Art mas used both in the one and the other, to the wonderful admiration of all that beard bim : But witneffes eramined and every papof made paegnant, the for was condemn'd, and judgment was giben, that be mould be hanged till bis body was dead. At which fentance the for caft boan bis bead foz all his Jollity was loft; and no flattery, no noz wozds now pzebailed. This done, Grimbard bis Depbew, and Dibers others near bim in blood (which could not endure to fee bim die) took their leabe of the Ring, and departed from the Court. When the Ring noted what gallant poung Gentlemen departed thence all fad and weeping, being near of the fores blood and alliance, be faid to bimfelf. It bebobeth us to take good mature Countel; though Reynard have fome faults, be bath many friends and moze Wirtues. As the Bing was thus thinking, the Cat faid to the Bear, Sir Bruin and you Sir Ifegrim, Wibp are pou fo flow in this Grecution : the evening is almost come, and here be many Buthes and Bedges. if he escape and quit himself of this banger, bis subtility is fo great, that not all the Art in the amould hall eber again intangle bim : If you mean to execute bim, then proceed. foz befoze the Ballows can bemabe, it will be bark night. At these woods liegrim remembaing himself, faid, Abere is a pair of Gallows near at hand (and with that fetch'd a beep fight) which be noting, faib. Are pou affraid Sir Ifegrim? oz is this Execution against your mind? you may remember it only was his work, that both pour Brethren were hanged: and fure had you Judgment, peu would bang him for the fame, and not thus fland trifling time. But liegrim, balf angry, antwered, Pour anger puts out the eye of your reason; per had we a halter that would fit his neck, we would foon dispatch bim. Reynard that had been filent

of Reynard the FOX.

filent a great while, faid, I befeech you thozten my pain: Sir Tibert hath a coad firong enough, in which himself was



hang'd at the Pziests Pouse, when he bit off the Priests genitozs: besides he can climb well and swift: D let him be mine Executioner, foz it neither beseemeth Isegrim noz Bruin thus

and making themselves exthe el, the fuch from whom they mischief, in which they will many times rather hazard their honours than their revenges. so blind is deformed it makes men that are cloath-The Fox's patience and mild temper, fhews, That they must make use of all their verly meakness, eft doth infinuate with and draws forth pity.

The Moral. to bo with their Dephew : 3 am fogry I live to fee it. But By the vio- fince you are fet to be my hangman, play your paris, and Bear, the Wolf, delay not : go befoze Brain and lead my way; follow If: and the Car, in griut, and beware Jescape not : Pou lay well, faid Bruin, purfping the and it is the best counsel I babe beard pou gibe. So foath Fox to death, they went, and liegrim and all his friends guarded the for, leading bim by be neck, and obter parts of the body; when ccurioners, is the for felt this ulage, be was dilmayed; pet, laid, D why do you put pour felbes (my beft Riniman) to this great malice of pain, to bo me burt ? Beliebe it Acould well ask you forgreat Persons givenels, though my pains be pleasant unto you: yet well enemies , and I know, did my Aunt pour Mife, underffand of my trouble, the would foz old affection fake not fee me thus tozmented. But I am lubiect to pour will, and can endure pour worft have received mallice: as for Bruin and Tibert, I leave my revenge to Ittffice, and with you the reward of Araptors, if you do not to me the worft of your powers: Iknow my worft fortune. and beath can come but once unto me ; I with it were paff already, foz to me it is no terroz : I fato mp father Die. and how quickly be banifed, therefoze the woaft of beath is familiar unto me. Aben faid Ifegrim, let us go. foz bis wrath, and fo curfe thall alight on me by belaging : So be on the one fide, and Brum on the other, led the poor for to the Ballows; Tibert running befoze with the Balter, boped to be ed therewith, rebenged of bis wanng foamerly received. Ahen they were come to the place of Orecution, the Bing and Queen, and all the rest of the Pobility, took their place to fee the for Aben Reynard full of fogrow, and buffly betbinking when men are himfelf bow be might escape that danger, and bow to en: in extremity, theal and differace bis proude enemies, and also bow to death the King on his party, faying to himfelf, Though the King and many others be offended with me, as they babe tu., efpecial- reason, for I have throughly deserved it; nevertheless pet I hope to live to be their beft friend. During this meditation for that foon the Molf faid, Sir Bruin, now remember your injuries, take pour revenge in a full meature, for the day is come we mens natures, witht for; Tibert afcend quickly and bring the Rope to the Gallows, making arunning noos, for this day you hall have pour will o" pour Enemp : and good Sir Bruin take beed be escape

escape not, whilf Imy selfraise up the Ladder. When all Wixeas things were prepared, the Forsaid, Now may my heart be roughness cheavy, for Death stands now in all its hopror before me, mischief and Icannot escape: my dread Lord the King, and you my Horeraign Lady the Ausen, and you my Lords that stand to behold me die, I beseech you grant me this chartable Boon, that I may unlock my Heart besore you, and clear my Houl of her burdens, so that hereafter no Dan may be blamed for me; which done, my death will be easte, and the assistance of your Prayers will raise my Soul to Beaven.

CHAP. XII.

How Regnard made his Confession before the KING.

Therp Creture now took compassion on the for, and faid bis request was imall, befeeching the Bing to grant it: which was bone. And then the for thus fpake: Belome, Beaben! for I fee no Man bere whom I babenot offended: per was this evil no natural inclination in me. for in my Douth I was accounted as vertious as and breathing: this know, A plaid with the Lambs all the dap long, and took belight in their pretty bleating; pet at laft in mp play I bit one, and the taffe of the Blood was for Iweet, that fince I could neber fogbear it : Abis liquogif bumour deb me into the Woods among the Boats, where bearing the bleating of the little Bids. I flew one of them. and after two moze, which flaughter made me fo bardy, that then I fell to murther Bens, Geele and orber Bullen. And thus my crimes increased by custom, and fury so possest me that all was fift which came to mp net. After this (in the Minter featon) I met with liegrim, whereas be lay hid under a hollow Tree, and he unfolded unto me how be was my Uncle, and laid the Bedegree down fo plain, that from that day forth we became fellows and Companions: which knot of friendhip I may ever curle, for then began the flood of our thefts and flaughters: be fiole the

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was ever the greatest: when he got a Kam, a Talf, of Mether, his fury would hardly associate the houns to pick on: nay, when he had an Dre, of a Cow, after himself, his wife.

Bife and bis feben Childzen were ferbed, nothing remained to me but the bare bones to pick on. This I fpake not in that A manted (foz it is well known I babe moze Blate, Jewels, and Copn, than twenty Carts are able to carry) but only to them bis ingratitude. When the Ring beard bim fpeak of this infinite Treafure and Wiches, bis Beart grew inflamed with befire thereof: and be faib Reynard where is that Areafure vou fpeak of? Abe for answered, Mp Load I will willinglp tell you ; fog it is true, the Mealth was fioln, and had it not been foln in that that manner as it was, it had coft pour Bighnefs bis life (which Beavens I befeech keep eber in pour protection.) When the Queen beard that dangerous fpeech, the flarted and faid, What dangers are thefe pou fpeak of, Reynard? 3 do command you upon your Souls bealth, to unfould these boubtful speeches, and to keep nothing concealed which toncerns the life of my bread Lozd. The for with a forowful and fad countenance replied to the Queen, D my dzead Seberaign Ladp, at what infinite eale were I, if I might dre at this prefent? but gracious Madam, your conjuration, and the bealth of mine own Soul, to pzebaileth with me, that I will discharge mp Conscience, and pet speak nothing but what I will make good with the basard of Damnation. 'Mis true the King fould babe been piteously murdered by his own Beople, and I must confess, by thole of my nearest Kindzed, whom I am unwilling to accuse, did not the health of mine own Soul, and the fealty to the King command the contrarp: The King much perplert at this discovery, said, is this true Reynard, which you protest? the for answered Alas, mp dzead Lozd, pou fee the case wherein A fand, and bow small a sand is left in my poor Blas to run: Can pour Bajeffp imagine I will now diffemble? what can the whole Mozio abail me, when my Soul pericheth? and at that be trembled, and look'd fo pitifully, that the Queen bad great compassion of bim, and bumbly befought the King for the fafety of his own Royal Berfon to take fome pity of the for, and command all his Subjects to bold their peace, and keep filent till be had fpoke the uttermost of his knowledge: all which was prefently done, and the for proceeded in this manner: Since it is the pleasure of mp Soberaign

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The Mord. Lord the King, and that his Royal Life lieth in the ba-By the Fox's lance with my prefent beath, I will freely and boldly unaccusation of fold this capital and foul Areason, and in the relation not his enemies, is fpare any guilty Werfon foz any refpect whatfoever, whether in Blood, Beeatnels og Authogity : Enow then, my bread expreifed a threefolt fub Soberaign Lozd the King, that my father by a firange ac-Fox: First by cident, diging in the ground, found out Bing Ermetick's Areafure: being a Bals infinite und innumerable, of which his voluntary being poffeff, be grew fo proud and haughty, that be beheld confession of his faults, is in scoon all the Beaffs of the Milderness, which befoze had shewed his forbeen bis Binfinen and Comprnians; at laft be caufed Tibert fame, and the the Cat to go into the baff fogreft of Arden to Bruin the little hope he Bear, aud to render bim bis Bomage and Fealty; faging, had of life; If it would please bim to be Riug, be mould come into which piercing Flanders, where my Kather received him nobly. Aben preinto the weak Flanders, where my Kather received him nobly. Aben preinto the weak Flanders, where my Kather received him nobly. Aben preinto the weak Flanders, where my Kather received him nobly.

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all means I must keep in secret too: foz she had swoza by the sandal, where three Kings of Cullen never to disclose it: and withal she shewesh that gave me such asurance by certain tokens, that I right well he that will found all was true which she had spoken, insomuch, that slander, or will the very assignt thereof made my Hair stand upright, and my truth believed, where became like Lead, cold and heavy in my Bosome, must first which made me call to mind the Stozy of the Frogs, who strengthen his being free without subjection, complained to supiter, and opinion with desired they might have a King to rule and govern over pity, then get besired they might have a King to rule and govern over belief, & lastly them, and he prefently sent them a Stock which eat and exercise his deboured them up: so that by his Ayranny they became the mischess; a most miscrable of all Creatures: then they complained gainst all again to Jupiter for rediess, but it was then too late; for which a wise now of necessity suffer in the laddom.

Thus I feared it might happen with us, and thus I foze tempted by rowed foz your Waiesip, although you little respect my gries as the lion was ving: I know that the ambition of the Bear and his Kp by the Queen ranny is so great, that should the Government come into his and his own mands (as Beaven fozdio) the whole Common-wealth will covernousles, be desiroped: Besides, I know your Pajesiy of so Royal in desiring and Baincely Birth, so Highly, so Baacious, and so Her. Treasure, than ciful, that it had been a damnable exchange, to have seen a which there is ravenous Bear to sit in the Chrone of a Royal Lion; so mothing draws revenues Bear and in his Generation, moze prodigal a man sooner there is in the Bear and in his Generation, moze prodigal a man sooner to the belief of loosness and inconstancy, than in any Beast whatsoever.

But to proceed, from this foreow I began to meditate what a man bow I might undo my Kathers false and wicked Conspiratives, who sought to bring a Araptor and a Slave into the Abrone Imperial: for I well perceived, as long as he credit; and held the Areasure, there was a possibility of deposing your where such paiety, and this troubled my thoughts ercedingly, so credit is given, that I laboured how I might find out where my Kathers monly the Areasure was hid, and to that end I wasch'd and attended wicked e cape Pight and Day in the Moods, in the Bushes, and in the from punishment open Kields: nay, in all places wheresoever my Kather it fell out with turn'd his Eyes, there was I ever watching and attending.

Lion did: if he be not over to the belief of untruth and of falshood: for

Now it happened on a time as I was laid flat down on the ground, I saw my Father come running out of a hole,



and as soon as he was come out, he gazed round about him, to see if any discovered him; then seeing the coast clear, he stopped

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Hopped the bole with fand, and made it fo eben, fmooth, and plain, that no curious Epe could bifcern a bifference betwirt it and the other Carth : and where the paint of his foot remained, that with bis Mail be firoked ober, and with his Mouth to smoothed it, that no Wan might perceibe it: and indeed that and many other fubtilties I learned of him there at that infant : when he had thus finithed, away be went towards the Willage about bis paibate affairs : then when I prefently towards the bole, and norwithstanding all his subtility, I quickly found it out; then entered I the Cabe, where I found that innumerable quantity of Aerafure, which cannot be expected: which found, I took Emelin my Bife to belp me, and we ceaft not Dap noz Digbt, with infinite great tople and labour, to carry and convey away this Areafure to another place, much moze convenient foz us, where we laid it fafe from the fearch of any Creature. Dow during the time that my Mife and I were thus employed, my father was in consultation with the rest of the Araptors about the death of the King: in which Consultation it was concluded that Ifegrim the anolf thou'd travel over all the Kingdom, and promife to all the Beafts that would take wages, and acknowledge Bruin foz their Soberaign, and defend bis Title, a full Dears pap befoge band. And in this journey my father accompanied bim, carrying Letters Batents figned to that purpose, little suspecting that be was rob'd of the wealth that would supply his Areasen: when this Degotiation was finished between Elve and Soam, and a world of valiant Souldiers raised against the beginning of the next. Spring: then they returned to Bruin and bis Confoats, to whom thep declared the many perils they had escaped in the Dukedom of Saxony, where they were pursued by Bunismen. and Bounds : fo as they beardly escaped with life : after this relation, they thewed Bruin the Buffer rols, which pleafed bim erceeding much, for here was of Ifegrims lineage about twelve bundzed (woan to the action, besides the Bears own kindzed, the Fores, the Cats, and the Daffens, all which would be in readinels upon an bours warning. All this I found 2110

out (A praise Peaven) by perfect intelligence: Now thingse being brought to this perfection, my Father went to his Cabe of Areasure: but when he found it open, spoiled, and ransack'd, it is not in me to express the infinite agony and sorrow he fell into that Grief cynverting to Madnels, and Madnels to Desperation, suddenly he went to the next Aree and hanged himself.

Thus by my Art only was the treafon of Bruin defeaten. for which I now fuffer : from bence fprang all misfortune. as thus, Thefe foul Trapto2s Brnin and Ifegrim, being of the Rings Baibateft Council and fitting in bigb and great Authority tread upon me poor Keynard, and work mp difgrace : notwithfanding for pour Baieffies fake, I babe foft mp natural father. Dmp dzead Lozd! what is be, oz wbo can tender you better affection, thus to lofe bimfelf to fabe pou? The King and Queen habeing great hope to get this ineffimable Treasure from Revnard, took bim from the Gibbet, and entreated bim to unfold where this great Areafure But the for replied. Dmp Lozd, hall I make mine Enemies mp Beirs? fall thefe Traptozs whirb take away my life, and would debour yours, be poffeft of the good 3 enjop? Do, that sa madnels T'le neber bpe quilty of. Aben faid the Queen, fear nor Keynard, the Bing hall fabe pour life, and grant you parden, and you thall bencefoath fwear Faith and true Alleageance to bis Bajefip. The for an-(wered, Dearest Madam, if the Bing out of his Royal nathere will gibe credit to my truth, and fozgibe my fozmer of fences, there was never Bing fo rich as I will make bim. Aben the thing flaping the Queen. faid, Wadan will pou believe the for? know you not that it is bis natural quality to lper freal and beceibe? Abe Queen answered, Ap bear Lozd, now you may boldly believe bim, for boweber in his Baosperity be was full of errozs, pet now you may fee be is changed: Why, be fpareth not to accuse his own father. nap, Grimbard bis beareft Dephew and Kinsman? bad be distembled, be might babe laid bis imputation on other Beafts, and not on those be loveth most intirely Madam (faid the Bing) pou thall at this time rule me, and

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all the offences of the for I will clearly pardon: yet with this Baotestation, Abat if eber again be offend in the Smalleft crime whatfoeber, that not only himfelf, but his whole Generation. I will utterly root out of my Dominions. The for looked fadly when the King Spake thus (but was inmardly most infinitely glad at his Beart) and faid. By dzead. Lozd, it were a buge hame in me, hould Ifpeak any untruths in this great Weefence. Aben the Bing taking a fram from the ground, pardoned the for of all his trefpaffes wbich either be, oz bis father, bad eber committed: Af the for now began to smile, it was no wonder, the sweetnels of life required it: pet be fell down befoze the Ring and Queen, and bumbly thanked them for their Wercy, proteffing that for that favour be would make them the richeft Wainces in the Mozio. And at these words the for took up a ffram, and proffered it unto the Bing, and faid to bim, App dzead Lozd, A befeech pour Bajeffp to receibe this Bledg, as a furrender unto pour Bajefip of all the Areafure that the great Bing ERMETICK was mafter of, with which I freely enfeoffe you out of my meer boluntary and At thefe woods the Ring received the fram, free motion. and fmiling, gabe the for great thanks for the fame. the for laughed out right to-think of the abufe. from that day forward no mans counsel prevailed with the King as the fores; which the for feeing, faid to the King, App gracious Lozd, you thall understand, that at the Wieft fibe of FLANDERS there standery a Wood called HUS-TERLOE, near which runneth a Riber named CRE-KENPIT: this is a Mildernels to baft, and unpaffable, that bardly in all the Mear there cometh either Wan or Moman in the fame. In it babe Ibid this Areafure. whither I would have your Wajeffp and the Queen to go. for I know none but your felbes whom I date truft in fo great a designe: and when your Bigbness comes thitber. you hall find two Birchin trees growing by the pit, into which you fall enter, and there pou hail find the Area: fure, which confifteth of the Copn, rich Zewels, and the wealthy Crown which King Ermetick wore, With which Cramn

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Crown Bruin the Bear thould habe been Crowned, if bis Areason bad succeeded according to bis determination: there thall you fee also many rich and coffly precious fiones. of which when you are possest, then remember the love of pour Berbant Revnard. The Bing answered, Sir Reynard, pou muft pour felf belp to dig foz this Treafure, foz elle 3 thall never find it. I have beard named Paris, London, Acon and Cullen, but Erekenpit I never beard of: therefore I fear you diffemble. The for blushed at those woods, pet with a bold countenance be faid, Is your Bajeffy fo doubtful of my faith? nap, then I will approve my words by publick Meffimonp: and with that he called forth Kayward the Bare from amongst the rest of the Beasts, and commanded bim to come before the Ring, charging bim upon bis faith and Alleageanbe which be boze to the King and Queen, to answer truly to such questions as be sould ask bim. Abe Bare answrred. I will speak truth in all things, though I were fure to dps foz the fame, Aben the for faid. Enow you not where Crekenpit standeth? the Bare, I babe known it any time this Dozen pears, it standeth in a Mood called Husterloe, upon a bast and wide Mildernels, where I have endured much togment both of bunger and cold: Befides, it was there where father Simony the free made falle Corn, with which be supported himself and his fellows: Bet that was before I and King the Bound became Companions. Mell, faid the for, you have fonken fufficiently : go to pour place again : fo away went the Bare. Then faid the for, Dp Soveraign Load the Ring, tobat far you now to my Relation : am I woathr of pour belief og no? the Ring faid, Des Reynard, and Thefeech thee ercufe my jealousies, it was my ignozance which did thee evil: therefore forthwith make preparation that we may go to the Bit where this Areafure leth. The for answered, Alas my Lozd, do you imagine that I would not fain go with you, if it were to that I might go without your dichonour, which I cannot bo: for you hall underfland (though it be my difgrace) that when liegrim the Molf, in the Debil's name, would needs grow religious

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and turn a Monk, that then the postion of Weat which was for Monks was to little for bim alone. Whereupon be complained fo pitifully unto me, that I commiferating bis cafe, (being my kiniman) gabe bim counsel to run away. which be did. Thereupon I fand Accurled and Ercommunicated under the Bope's Sentence, and am determinined to Mogrow as foon as the Sun arifeth, to take my way towards Rome to be absolved; and from Rome Lintend to crofs the Bens into the Bolg-land, and will never return again into my Patibe Country till I habe done fo much good. and fatisfied for my Sins, that I may with Bonour and Reputation attend on pour Bigbnels Berlen. The King bearing this, faid, Since you fand Accurfed in the Cenfures of the Church, I may not have you about me, and therefore I will at this time take Kayward the Bare, and fome other with me to Crekenpit, and only command you. Reynard, as you refpet my fabour, to clear your felf of bis Bolinels Curle. Dp Lozd (faid the for) it is the only reason of my going to Rome: neither will I rest Dight noz Dap, till I habe gotten a full Abfolution. The courfe you take is good (fait the Bing) go on and profper in pour intent and purpofe.

CHAP. XIII.

How Reynard the Fox was Honoured of all Beafts by the King's Commandment.

A soon as the Conference was ended, the Royal King mounted upon his high Ahrone, made in manner of a Scaffold, made of fair square Stone, and commanded a general silence amongst all his Subjects, and then every one thould take his place according to his B rth or Dignity in Office, only the For was placed between the King and the Ausen. Ahen said the King, Hear all you Poblemen, Knights, Gentlemen, and others of inferiour quality, This Reynard, one of the Chief and Supreme Officers of my Houshold.

Pouthould whose offences had brought him to the last reckonsing of his life, as being in the hands of the Law and Justice,



bath this Day, in requital of those Injuries, done that Moble and Moziby Service to the State, that both my Self and my Ausen, fland bound to render him our best Grace and Jahour. Aberefoze know, Ahat for divers thing

things beft known unto our felbes, we have freely giben The Moral. pardon to all his Offences, and restored back to him whatse By this Honour eber to As was confifcate: therefore bencefoarh 3 Com- Fox you may mand all of you, upon the pain and basard of your dearest fe, that when Libes, Abat you fail not, from this Day forward, to bo Policy and all Reverence and Honour not only to Revnard himself, wisdom ger but also to bis Wife and Children, whensoever, or where of their Enefoeber, pou hall meenthem whether by Dight og by Day : mies, it never Doz that any one hereafter be fo audacious, as to trouble reflech till it mine Cars with any moze Complaints of bim; for bis maketh known Bickedness be hath cast behind him, and will no moze be the Werld quilty of Mirong boirg : which to effect the better, to of their Con-Mogrow berp early, be takett his Journey towards Rome, queft, both to where, from the Pope, he will purchale a free Barbon expres their and Indulgence foz all his Offences, and then the Bilgri- alfo to extensmage to the Boly Land. Abis Speech, when Tifellin the ate their Raven heard be flew to Bruin, Hegrim, and Tibert, and Crimes, and faid, Mretched Creatures! how are your foatunes chang keep their Foes in awe ed? og how can you endure to hear thefe Erdings? Wie wih the good-Reveard is now a Courtier, a Chancelloz, nap, the paime ly thems of fabourite : bis Offences are forgiben, and pou are all be: new Grace and traped, and fold unto Bondage. Ifegrim answered, It is favour. By the impossible, Tifellin, noz can such a thing be suffered : Do complaint of the Raven, is not deceive pour felves (faid the Raben) foz it is as true flewed the as that now I fpeak it. Then went the Molf and the Jedousie and Bear to the Ring, but the Cat staid, and was so soze Fear of the affrighted with the Pews, that to purchase the fores and how in friendhip again, the would not only habe forgiven the their Troubles Chils received, but willingly babe run into a fecond har they fly to the But now Isegrim, with great Majeffy and Paride, Heads of Facttracing ober the fields, came befoze the Bing and Ducen, them with and with the most bitter and cruel woads, inbeighed as their cwn fafegainst the for in such a palsionate and impudent mans ties to prevent ner, that the Bing being infinitely moved with difplea evis. By the fure, caused the Molf and the Bear to be presently ar- Wolf and the refted upon Bigh-Areason: which suddenly was done with mienent, is all biolence and furp, and they were bound Band and shewed, that Foot to fast that they could neither fir noz mobe from when Men the place where they were couched. for when the for complain in

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bad thus in thealled and intangled them, he fo laboured with times, they e- the Aueen, that he got leabe to have so much of the Bear's ver run them skin as would make bim a large Scrip foz bis Zourney :



which granted, he wanted nothing but a firong pair of Spooes to defend his feet from the Stones in his travel :

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Anhereupon be laid to the Queen, Wadam, Jam pour Bit. grim ; and if it would pleafe pour Baieffp but to take it into pour Confideration, you hall find that Sir liegrim bath a pair of ercellent long laffing ones, which would pour bouchfafe to bestow upon me, I would pap for pour Ma: jeftie's Soul in all mp travel about mp charitable Deboti-Alfo mine Aunt, Dame Arfewind, bath other two Shooes, which would your Majeffy beffow upon me, I thould be most infinitely bound to you, not should you do to ber any wong, becaufe fbe goes feldom abzoad. The Ducen replied, Reynard, I cannot perceibe but you hould want fuch Shooes, for your Journey is full of labour and difficulty, both refpect of the fioney Mountains, and the grabelly Maps; and therefore you thall have (though it touch their Life neber fo nearly) from each of them a pair of Shooes, to accomplify and finish pour Journey.

CHAP. XIV.

How Ifegrim and his Wife Arfewind had their Shooes pluck'd off for Reynard to wear to Rome.

A After the for bad made this Betition, Ifecrim was ta-A ken and his Shooes pulled off in most cruel and biolent manner. fo that all the Weins and Sinews lap naked noz durft the poor maffacred Molf either complain or refift. After be had been thus tozmented then Dame Arlewind, bis Mife, was used on the same manner on ber binder feet, as ber Busband was on his fore feet; which the for feeing, faid to ber in a fcornful manner. Dear Qunt bow much am I bound to pou, that takes all this pains for mp fake? questionless you hall be a marer in mp Bigrimage, and take part in the Bardon 3 hall being from beyond the Seas by the belp of your Sbooes. Then Arlewind (though Speech were troublesome to ber) faid, Mell, Sir Reynard, pou habe pour will accomplist; per Beaben (3 bope) will requite the misbred. This the faid, but ber Busband and the Bear lay mute, fog their wounds were griveous unto them: and furely bad the Cat been there. alfo.

The Moral. allo, be had not etcaped tome the foliang his Shoots to athe spoiling nort sposning, very early, Reynayd caufing his Shoots to his Skin, and the be well ould, put them, on, and made them as fit to bis Wolf of his feet, as they were to the Molf, and then went to the Bine and Queen, and faid, My Lozd and Lady, pour poor Subjed Shooes, is the Malice of bowerb himfelt befoze pour Pajesties, humbly befeeching a revengful E. pour Dighnels to beliber me my Bate and my Staff, bleft. nemy, that ne- accoading to the cuffom due unto Wilgrims. This faid, the King fent foz Bellin the Ram, and comver thinks his Fee weakned manded bim to fap folemn Bafs befoge the for, and to beenough, till he liber bim bis Staff, and bis Pale: but the Ram refused, ined; as alfo laying, my Lozd, I bare not, foz be bath confested be is the Indiferrti- in the Bope's Curfe : and the Ring faid What of that ? on of an over- Babe not our Doctors tolous, That if a Man commit all angry Nature, the Sins in the Boold, pet if be repent himfelf, be thaiben, that cannot flay to give his Do penance, and walk as the Paietts thall inftruct bim. that Wrongs ad- all is clearly forgiven bim? And bath not Reynard done all vantage, but this? Aben antwered Bellin, Sir, Jam loath to meddle Spleen before berein; pour Pajefty will bear me barmlels againft the he can either Biftop of Prendelor (mp Dedinary) and againft the Arch ger relief or Deacon of Loof-wind, and Rapiamus bis Dificial, 3 will remedy. By the effect pour Commandment. At this the Ring grew angry, Ceremonics and faid, I fcorn to be beholding to pou : But when the done to the Fox, and the Ram fato the thing offended, be thook for fear, and ran prefently to the Altar, and fung Wals, and ufed many Ceremo: Curiofity of the Ram, is nies over the for, who gave little respect unto them, moze thewed, that than the befire be had to enjoy the Bonour. And when Belin cases of inlin the Ram bad finifed bis Daisons, be paefently bung a differency where Autho- bout Keynard's Deck bis Dale, which was made of the rity hath Bear's Skin, and put into bis right foot a Balmer's Staff: power to com- and thus being furnithed of all things, be looked fably up. Man to fland on the Bing, as if be had been loath to bepart; and fained upon nice and to weep, (though forrow and be were never further afunber) only bis worft grief was, that all in that prefence mere paritanical : erms with not in the fame cafe that the Bear and the Molf were; his Supericus doth not only pet be took his leave of them, and defired every one to pany preed Repre- foz bim, as he would page foz them: and then offering to hension, but depart, (for knowing his own knabery, be was bery bestrous to be gone) the Ring faid, Sir Reynard, 3 am foarp we

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muff part thus fudenly: Then faid the for. There is no re- By the Fox's medy, my Lozd, noz ought I to be flow in fo Debout an acti. Hypocrifie; is Then the Ring took leabe, and commanded all that feen the diffimere about bim (but the Bear and the Molf) to attend weridly Men : Reynard fome part of his Journey. D be that had feen how and how to gallant and perfonable Reynard was, and how well bis their Staff and his Wale became bim as alfo bow fit bis Shooes the fall mere for bis freet, it could not babe chofen but have firred haide, der in bim bery much laughter : Det the for carried bimfelf ever pat on a outwardly bery bemurely : boweber inwardly be fmiled at most faile the abuses he had cast among them; especially to see his & cleak of Refnemies now his Attendants, and the Ring, whom he had By the general most palpably wronged with falle lies, to be aiding to at he lance of his bain befires, did accompany him also as if they had been the Beasts his Companions. But the for being now onward bis in the Portion map, be faid to the Bing, 3 befeech your majeffy trouble Flattery and pour felt no further, but babe refrent, topour eafe, and the Dans dafencis of ger that might happen to your Royal Derfon; for you have many People-Arrefted two capital Traptozs, who if in pour ablence thep that never thould get at liberty, the danger were infinite which might and i Manis. And this faid, be flood upon bis binder but how great. infue thereon. feet, and intreated the Beafis that were in his company, and that fafeet, and intreated the partakers of his Pardon that they would pray countenance for bim : which bone, be Departed from the Bing with an is ever cerceeding fab and beaby countenance : Then turning to Kay-neigh to ward the Bare, and Beilin the Ram, be faid, with a fmiling command all countenance, apy beft friends, fail we part thus foon? 3 cheir fervices. know your loves will not leave me pet: with you two j was neber offended, and pour Conberfations are agreeable to mp Rature, fog pou are Bild, Lobing and Courteous, Beligi: ous, and full of wife Countel, even fuch as my felf was when I was firft a Reclufe : if you have a fetagreen Leaves, or a little Grafs, you are as well content, as with all the Bread and fith in the Morid, and pou are Memperate and Bobeff: And thus with a world of fuch like flattering Woods be inticed there two, that they were content to go along with bim.

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CHAP. XV.

How Kayward the Hare was flain by Reynard the Fox, and fent by the Ram to the King.

Thus marched these three together, and when Reynard was come to the Gates of his own House be faid to Bellin, Cousin I will intreat you to stay here without, a little, whilst I and Kayward go in: for I would have him a witness of some private passages betwirt me and my Wife, Bellin was well content, and so the For and the Bare went into

'alepardus, where they found Dame Ermel in lying on the round, with ber Pounglings about ber, who had forromed erceedingly for the lofs and banger of ber Busband: but when the fate bis return, ber jop was ten times doubled. But beholding bis Bale, bis Staff, and bis Shooes the greto in o a great admiration, and faid. Dear Busband, bom have you fared? to whom be delibered, from point to point, all that bad paffed with bim at the Kings Court, as well his dar ger as releafe, and that now be was to go a pilgrimage, babing left Bruin and liegrim to pledge for bini till his return : as for Kaywaid, be faid, the Bing bad beffowed bim upon them to do with bim what they pleased, affirming that Kayward was the first that had complained of him, for which queffionless te bowed to be marply revenged. Alben Kayward beard thefe words, be was much appaled and would fain babe fied away, but be could not, for the for hab got between bim and the Bate, who prefently feifed the Bare by the neck : at which the Bare cried unto Bellin foz belo, but could not be beard, for the for in a trice bad toan out his Throat : which bone, be, bis wife and young ones feaffed therewith merrily, eating the fleft, and dainking the Blood to the Bings Bealth. But Ermelin growing fuspicious, faid, I fear, Reynard pou mock me, as you lobe me tell me bow pou fpead at the Court. Aben be told ber bow ertreamly be had flattered the Bing and Queen, and abufed them with a fained premile of Areafure, that was not, infomuch, that he knew when it would come to be rebealed.

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bealed, the King would feek all the means he could to defroy him. And therefoze Mife, said he, there is no remedy but me must steal from hence, into some other forcest where we



may live in better fafety, and in a place moze fruitful, where we shall have all the belicatest weats that can be wish's foz, clear

The Moral. By the killing of the Hare is shewed, that whereas Men out of the lightness and easiness of their belief, do give credit to the enticements of their Adverfaries. new reconciled Friends. that evermore fome enevitable mischief doth still follow fuch folly and improvidence. Also how eafily a malicious Man can find cause of quarel with fuch as are too weak for them. or as eve-fores. stand between them and the end of their purposes; or are able to reveal and hinder their projests. By the Rams carrying the Hares head to the Lyon, and taking upon him to indite the Letters, which he faw not, is difcovered, that fuch vain glorious pick-

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puifes of o clear Spaings, freih Ribers, cool Shabes, and wholefome thers qualities, Mir : bere I know is no abibing : and now I have gotent do ever carry mp Ebumb out of the Rings Wonth, 3 will no moze come within the banger of bis Talons. Det (faid Ermein) 3 difrepuracions, babe no fancy to go from bence to a place where 3 am utter: and when they ly unacquainted: bere we poffefs all that we befire, and you are a Lord oper all that lives about you, and it is but an indifereet hazard to change acertain Good foz a hoped Contentment: besides we are bere lafe enough: and should the Bing beffene us neber fo ftraightly, pet babe me fo many passages and by boles, that be can neither cut from us relief og liberty. D what reason habe we then to fie bepond Seas? but you babe fwoan it, that is my beration. Dame (faid the for) gribe not at that : the moze forfworn. the less foglogn: Befides I have beard fome fap, that a forc'b Dath is no Dath; nor do I make account that this Wilgrimage will abail me a ruft. And therefoze I am refolbed, and will not flart from bence but follow the counfel : If the Bing to bunt after me. I will quard my felf as well as Jam able, and againft bis Bower apply my Bolicy, fo that being forced to open mp Sach, let bim not blame me if be catch burt by bis own furp.

All this while flood Bellin the Ram at the Gate, and greto erceeding argry both against the for and the Bare, that they made bim wait fo long: and therefore called our aloud for Reynard to come away: which when Reynard beard, he went foath, and faid foftly to the Ram. Good Beilin be not offended. Kayward is in earneft Conference with his deareft Aunt, and intreated me to far unto vou, that if vou would be pleased to walk before, be would spedily overtake pou, for be is light of foot and speedier than pout: nor will bis Aunt part with bim thus fuddenly, foz the and ber Chilozen are much perplered at my departure. I but (quoth Bellin) merbought I beard Kayward erp foz belp. cry foz belp! can pou imagine be thall receive burt in my Doufe? far be fuch a thought from pou : but I will tell pou thereason, as soon as we were come into my bouse, and that Ermelin mp Wife underflood of mp Bilgrimage, presently the fell down in a swond, which when kayward

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fat, be cried aloud. D Bellin come and belo my Munt, the dies, the dies : Then faid the Ram, in fadnels I miffook the crp, and thought the Bare bad been in danger. It was pour too much care of bim, faid the for; but befoge be hould have any injury in my Boufe, I would leave to refpett either Mife oz Childzen. But letting this Difcourfe pals. Dou remember Bellin that pefferdap the King and his Council commanded me, that befoze I departed from the Land, I Monto fend bim two Letters, which I have made ready will intreat pou, mp berreft Coufin, to bear them Abe Kam answered, I would willingly bo to bis Bajeffp. pou ferbice, if there be nothing but bonourable matter contained in your Letters: but 3 am unpabiled of any thing to carry them in. The for faid. Abat is provided for you already, for you thall have my wale, which you may conbeniently bang about pour neck : I know they will be thankfully received of his Majeny, for they contain matter of great importance. Then Bellin promifed to carry them: So the for returned into the Boufe, and took the Bale and put therein the Bead of Kayward, and brought it rothe Ram, and gabe bim a great charge not to look therein, till it was prefented to the Bing, as be bid erpet the Bings fabour: And that be might farther indear bimfelf with bis Majeffp, be made the Ram take upon bim the Inditing of the Letters, which will be so pleasing to the Ring, that queffionleis be will pour upon poumant fabours.

The Kam was erceeding glad of his advice, and thanked the For, saying, Abat the favours he did him should not die unrequited: and I know it will be much to main Poincur, when the King shall think I am able to Indite with so great perfection: For I know there be many in these days as ignorant as my self, that are risen to high Promotion only by taking upon them the worth of other Kens Labours. Pet I pary you, Reynard, farther advise me, is it meet that I take Kaynard the Pare along with me? D by no means (said the For) let him come after you, so I know his Aunt will not yet part with him. Besides, I have other secret things to impart to him, which may not

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be revealed. This said, Bellin took leave of the For, and went toward the Court, in which journey he made such speed, that he came thisher befoze noon, where he found the Ringin his Palace, sitting amongst the Pobility.

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The King wondred when be saw the Ram come in with the Male which was made of the Bears skin, and faid. Thence comest thou Bellin? and where is the for, that vou habe that about you? Bellin antwered, Bo bear Load, Tattended the Roble for to his Doufe, where after fome repole, be defired me to bear certain Letters to pour Bajeffp of infinite great importance, to which I easily confented. Enberenpon be delivered me the Letters inclosed in this Male, which Letters my felf had fozmerly Indited, and I doubt not but are fuch as will gibe pour Bighnefs both Contentment and Satisfaction. Beefently be commanded the Letters to be delibered to Bocart his Secretary, who was an ercellent Linguist, and understood all Languages, that be might read them publickly: So be and Tibert the Cat took the Male from Bellin's neck, and opening the same, instead of Letters they drew out the Bead of Kayward the Bare at which being nmaged they faid, Mo and alafs! what Letters call pour thefe? beliebe it, mp dzead Lozd, bere is nothing but the Bead of poor murthered Kayward. Which the Ring feeing he faid, Alais! bow unfortunate was I to beliebe the traiterous fo:? And with that being oppzeft with anger, grief, and hame, he beld down his bead for a good space, and so did the Queen alfo: But in the end haking of bis curled locks, be groned out such a dzeadful noise, that all the Beaks of the forreft die tremble to bear. Aben fpake Sir biraple the Libard, who was the Kings neaecft Kinfman, and faid, Mhp is pour Bajeffp thus bered in Beart? this forrow might ferbe for the Queens funeral. I do befeech you affwage your anguith: Are you not King and Wafter of this Country? and are not all things subject to pour power? The King replied, Contin, this is mifchief bepond endurance. I am betraped by a bafe Millian and Traitoz, and babebeen made to wzong and abufe my best friends and Subjects, even those of my Blood, and nearest Councel; I meen the four Bruin, and baliant liegrim, whose wrongs speak loud to my diffionour; pet in my felf I found all unwillingness thereto, only my Queens pity, working upon the eafinels of mp belief, bath made me guilty of that which will evermoze griebe me. ahpp (faid the Lybard) what of all this? you are above all your Injuries, and with



one smile can salve the greatest wound that can be made in Ponour; you have power to recompence; and what keputation is it, that keward will not sawder? As for the Bear that lost his Skin, the Molf and his Arfe Dame Arlewind, that lost their Shooes, you may in recompence (since Bellin hath confest himself a party in this soul Gurther) bestow him and his substance upon the Parties grived: As for Reynard, we will go and besege his Cassle, and having arrested his person, hang him up by the Law of Arms without surther Arial.

CHAP. XVI.

How Bellin the Ram, and his Lineage, were given to the Bear and the Wolf.

To this motion of the Libard the King consented: so that Firapel fortwith went to the Prison where the Bear and the Molf were, and said, Ap Lords, I bring a free and general

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general Pardon from the King, and his Love, and a Recognition of your Injuries: which to recompence in fome large



manner out of his Princely bounty, he is pleased to bestow upon you both Bellin the Kan, and his whole Generation, with whatsoever they possess, and is now conficate to his Pajesty,

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Majeffy, to bold from benceforth, to you and pours, till Dooms day, with full Commission to flay, kill, and debour them wherefoeber pou find them, be it in Moods, Rields oz Mountains. Also the King granteth unto pou full power to hunt, kill og wound Reynard the for wherefoeber pou find bim, og any of bis Lineage og Beneration: And of this great Baibiledge, pou thall receibe Letters Batents at pour pleafure, with only a referbation of your falety and bomage to be due to his Majeffy, which I adbife you to accept, for it will redound much to pour Bonours. Thus was the peace made between the thing and thefe Pobles by the Lp. bard; and Bellin the Ram was inthwith flain bp them: and all thefe Babiledges both the Molf hold to this Bour. noz could ever any reconcilement be made between them aud the Rams Bindged. When this Beace was thus finifed, the Ling for joy thereof proclaimed a feaft to be beld for twelve days after, which was done with all Solemnitv.

No this feast came all manner of Mild Beasts, for it was universally known throughout the whole Kingdom; nor was there wanting any Delight or Pleasure that could be imagined, as Busick, Dancing Wasking, and all Prince. In Kerreations. As for several Weats, they were in that abundance, that the Court seemed a Store-house which could not be empried. Also to this feast resorted abundance of feathered fowl, and all other Creatures that held Peace with His Wajesty, and no one missing but the for only.

Row after this Feast had thus continued in all Pomp the space of eight days, about high noon came Lapril the Toney before the King and Aueen as they sat at Dinner, and with a ceaby and lamentable voice said, My gracious and great Lord have pity upon my misery, and attend my complaint, which is of great Aiolence, Horce and Hurther which Reynard the For would yester my have committed against me, as Apassed by the Casse of Malepardus, where standing without his Gates, attired like a Vilgrim, Isupposing to pass peaceably by him toward my Pess, he cross my way, saying his Beads so devoutly, that I salu-

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faluted bim: but he returning no answer, firetch foath his The Moral. right Root, and gabe me fuch ablow on the Reck between the By the giving of Bellin unto



themselves to pride and vain glory, they are overtaken by their Enemies, & made flaves to shame and destruction.By the complaint of the Coney, is shewed, that when the weak will believe the fair shews of the strong, and cruel, and fo commit their fafeties to their enemies mercies, they feldom escape with life, or if they do by fome hidden. providence, yet it is not without ever fome maim, either to their Bodies or Reputations. The. complaint of the Rock shews, that when the evil Man fleepeth, or seemeth to have least

his Enemies, is fhewed, that when fimple Men give

Pead and Shoulders, that I imagined my Pead badbeen firicke power or inen from my Body: but yet so much memozy was left me, that tent of wick-I leapt from his Claws, though most griebously hurt and wounded.

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nels, that theit wounded. At this be gribed extreamly, because Jescapeb. his thoughts only of one of my dars be utterly bepatied me ; which Ibe: ed and labori- feech pour Bajeffy in your Royal Pature to pity, and that ous to deftroy this bloody Burtherer may not libe thus to affita pour poor the Innocent ; Subjects. Dow whilft the Coney was thus fpeaking to the Ring, there came fiping into the Court, Corbant the Mook. and the mifviolent, than who coming befoge the Bing, faib, Great Ring, Thefeech pou when he lyeth bouchfafe to bere me, and pitp the complaint I hall utter : meft appirent So it is, that I went this Deaning with Sharpheak mo and publish- Mife, to recreate our felbes one the Beath, and there we eth himselfan found Reynard the for on the ground like a dead Carcals, open enemy; wherefore the his Tyes flaring bis Longue lelling out of his Bouth like a fimple and in- dead Bound, fo that we wondging at this ffrange plight, benocent ought gan to feel and touch his Body, but found no life therein at at fuch times all: Then went my Wife (poor careful Soul) and laid ber to be most fearful and to Bead to bis Bouth to fee if be deet any Breath : which the keep farheft had no fooner bone, but the foul Burtherer awaiting bis out of his time, fnatcht ber Dead into bis Bouth, and bit it quite of. danger. At that Afcreaked out, and cried, Wo is me, what mistoz. tunes are thefe? But prefently the Burtherer fiarts up, and reached at me with fuch a bloody intent, that with much trembling and anguith, I was fain to flie up into a Aree, where I faw him Debour up my Mife in fuch terrible manner, that the berp thought is death to me in the repearing.

The Maffacre finithed the Burtherer Departed, and I went to the place, and gathered the Feathers of my loft Mife. which here I bumbly prefent before pour Bajeffp befeeching pou to do me juffice; and in fuch manner to rebenge mine injury, that the Mozid may freak fame of your great Greel: lence ; foz thusto fuffer pour Laws, Protections, and fafe Conducts to be violated and broken, will be fuch difreputation and scandal to your Crown and Dignity, that your bery Reighbours and Colleagues will note and point at pour remisnels: befides the sufferance of the Chil will make you guilty of the Arespass which ariserb from such lufferance : But to your great Confiderations I leave it, fince I know pour Majeffies own goodness will make you careful of your

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CHAP. XVII.

How the King was angry at these Complaints, took counsel for revenge; and how Reynard was forewarned by Grimbard the Brock.

The Royal King was much moved with anger, when he beard thefe complaints both of the Conep and the Book. fo that his Tres barted out fire amongft the beams of Da: jeffp, his Countenance was breadful and cruel to look on, and the whole Court trembled to behold him. In the end, be faid. By mp Crown, and the Truth Jebermoze reberence and owe unto the Queen mp Wife, I will fo rebenge thefe outrages committed againft mp Crown and Dignitp, that Goodnel's thall adoze me, and the Wicked thall die with the remembrance : bis falfbood and flattery thati no more get belief in me.

Is this his Journey to Rome and to the Holy-land? Are thefe the fruits of bis Bale, bis Staff, and other Dana: ments becoming a debout Wilgrim? Mell, be mall find the reward of his Treasons: but it was not my belief, but the perfwaffen of my Queen; noz am 3 the first that bart been beceibed by that foft gender, fince many great Spirita babe fallen through their inticements. And this faid, be commanded all that were about him, both Roble, Borthy, and every difereet Spirit, to alsifibim with their Counfel, and to lay bim down such sure ground for his revenge, that his Bonour and Ropalty might be anem reb bed, and eber Dffender made to know and feel the beaup paice fog their most unjust actions.

Hegrin the Molf, and Bruin the Bear, bearing the Bings Mozds, were wonderfully well apaid, and doubted not but now to main their full revenge against Reynard; pet still they kept filence and spake not a ward. Insomuch that the Bing being much mobed with their dumbnels, and noting that none durft freely deliber their Dpinions : We began to. bend bis forebend : But the Dueen after Colemn reberence fait to the lang, Mounfieur, Pour Cieu croyes mei toutes. 逝 2

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choses qu'on vous, & ne jurez point legrement. Sir, It is not the part of any excellent Misdom, to believe or protest in any thing, till the matter be made most apparent and pregnant to his knowledge: neither should both his Ears be ingaged to any complaint, but one ever reserved to entertain the desence of any accused: Hor many times the Accuser exceedeth the accused in injury: And therefore Audire alteram Partem, to hear the other Party, is the act of persections.

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Justice: for my own part, howforter I bathe erred; pet I The Mord. bave firong ground for my personation; or whether Reynard the Lion at be good or bad, pet it fands with your Greeliency not to the Fox's tres proceed against bim, but by the true form of our Laws: for paffes, thews be bath no power to efcape pou, but muft obey whatfoeber the dispositipour Sobziety can impole upon bim. Alben the Bueen bad on of a good thus fooked, Firapel the Libard, to ferond ber intreaty, faid, is ever moved My Lozd, the Queen bath fpoken graciously, and I fee not and offended. wherein pour Bajeffp can firay from ber judgment : There, when hisgood toge let him take the due tryal of your Laws, and being Subjects are injured; and found quilty of the Trefpattes tobereof be is accused, let the prefvatibim be fummoned : and if he appear not befoze pour feaff on of the ! be ended to cleare bimfelf, or fubmit to your mercy, then Queen and the msp pour Bighnels proceed against him, as it chall feemben Libard, shews to your pleafure.

To this Speech Ifegrim the Molf replied, Sir Firapel, foz every Prince my own part, 3 think not any of this Affembly will diffent flould ufe from pour Countel, to it may frand with the pleature of my when he ad-Load the Bing: pet this I Dire maintain, that bowfoeber flice. Reynard thall clear bimfelf of thefe and a thousand fuch moderate, yet like Trespasses which wall be brought against bim; pet I biting words babe that lodged in my Bolom, which hall approve be hart of the Wolf, fiews the cunforfeited bis Life : but at this time bis ablence chall make ning malice of me filent, only touching the Areafure of which be bath in a fubril foc. formed his majeffy to be at Crekenpit in Husterloe, there who before never came a faller information from the Mouth of any fuch as are of Creature, foz it was a lye made out of malice to waong me faction, will and the Bear, and get himself liberty to rob and spoil all conceal the that palled by his Boule, as now be doth: but notwith violence of his fanding I beld it meet that all things be done as shall feem he may gain a good to bis Bajefip, oz gou, Sir Firagel : Betthis beliebe, more quictarthat if he had meant to have appeared, he had been here long tention, and fince; for be bad fummons giben bim by the Bings Def then mixing fenger.

nger. To this the King answered, I will have no other course of with fummoning bim, but command all that owe me Allegiance, fes & doubtfut or respect my Bonour, that forthwith they make themselves injures, doch ready for the dar: and at the end of fir Days appear be the utmoit he foze me with their Bows, Gunns, Bumbards, Dikes and can to poison

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of him he to the Fox, Friend, which both giveth warning and they love, them run into eval courfes. The Foxes carelefness nature of a desperate man himself into the depth of evil, hath no- lefs. thing but an audacious countenance make him vet evermore

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Balberto ; feme on Barfe back, fome on foot, fog I will hateth. The befiege Malepardus instantly, and bestrop Reynard and his Brocks going Generation from the Carth for ever: this if any diffike, let theweth the bim turn bis back, that 3 may know bim for mine Cnemy. office of a true And they all cried with one boice, de are ready to attent

pour Majeftp.

Then Grimbard the Brock beard this Determination, be advice to them greto erceebing forey (though bis forrow was befperate) and fealing from the reft of the Company, be ran with all when they fee fpeed possible to Malepardus neither fparing Buth noz Bzier, Bale na Bail: and as be went, be faid to himfelf, Alas me Dear Ancie Revnard ! into what basards art thou beams babing but one flept betwirt thee and the Death, oz at the thews the true best the eberlafting Banithment! Well may I griebe foz thee, fince thou art the Kop and Donour of my Boufe, art that when he Bife and Bolitiek, and a friend to the friends when hath plenged they fand in need of thy Countel; for with thy fweet lan: quage thou canft inchant all Creatures; but all is beot-

With Inch manner of Lamentations as thefe, came Grimbard unto Malepardus, and found bis Uncle Reynard flanding at the Caffle Bates, who had newly gotten for dent fhew, to poung Digeons as they came creeping out of their Jeft, to try bow they could learn to flie. But now behelding bis feem innocent Dephew Grimbard, be flaid and faid, Melcome my beff He. loved Dephew, the only be I effeem abobe all my kindzed: nipt with the Burely pou habe run erceeding faft, fog pou fweat wonderflinging of h sfully. That news Man? boto runs the fquares at the Court? Confeience, as D. faid Grimbard, exceeding ill with you; for you babe for oft as he is a feited both pour Life, Donour and Chate. The Ming is up lone, which is in Arms against you with Bogle-men and foot inen, and of every Of- Souldiers innumerable : Befides, liegrim and Bruin are now in moze favour to th his Majeffe, than 3 am with pou; therefore it is high time you have great care of your felf, for their enop bath toucht you to the quick, they babe informed againft pont, that you are a Mhief and a Wurthera ! and to fecond their informations, Laprel the Conep, and Corbant the Rook have made hanious complaints against pou, fo that from mameful beath, & fee no efcape og freedom.

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Auf (faid the for) my dear Rephew, it this be the work, let no forram affright pou: but let us be cheerful and pleafant together, for though the King and all the Court would twear my death, yet will 3 be exalted above them all:

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all; Bell may they paate and jangle, and tire themfelbes with their Counfels, but without the belp of my Mit and Boliep, neither can the Court oz Common-Mealth babe any long continuance. Come then my beft Depbew, let us enter into mp Caffle, aud feaft ; 3 habe a pair of fat Wigeons for you, which are meat of pure and light direftion : I love not any thing better, they are young and tenber, and may be almost Cwallowed whole, toz their Bones are little other than Blood ; pet come, I fay, my Wife Ermelin will receive you kindly, but by all means report not to ber of any dangers, for the is of a foft and melting Memper, and it might firike ber into fuddain Sicknels ; fog Momen are apt to entertain Bzief. When we babe feafted. I will then to Morrow early in the Morning go with you to the Court, and if 3 can but attain fpeech with the Ring, 3 hall gall fome beep enough ; only this I defire (dear Depheto) at your Bands, that you will fand to me, as one friend and Kinsman ought to do one by another. Doubt me not (faid Grimbard) foz both my Life and Goods fall be at your ferbice Ithank you Depheto (laid the for) and pou thall not find me ingrateful. Sir (faid the Brock) be bold of this. Abat pou hall come and make pour answer befoze the Loads freely, fog none thall bare to Arreft og bold you, for that favour the Queen and the Libard babe purchad from the Ring. Jam glad of that (faid the for) noz care I then a bair foz their worft malice. faid, they went to Malepardus: and found Ermelin fitting amongst ber Pounglings, who prefently arofe, and received the Brock with all Reverence, and he on the other part faluted ber and ber Childzen with all Courtefie. the two Bigeons were made ready, and they supped toge: ther, each taking their part, though none had fo much as they defired: Aben faid the for, Depbew, bow like pou mp Children Roffel and Reynardine? I dope thep will do benour to our family, they are towardly, 3 affure you; for the one lately caught a Chicken, and the other bath killed a: Bullet: they are all good Duckers, and can both deceine the Laptoing and the Mallard : I tell you true, A bare already adbenture

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adventure them far, only I mean first to instruct them bow to escape the Gzins, and to prevent both the Huntsman and his Hounds; they are of the right Hair, Repbew, and like me both in Countenance and Auality; they play grinning, intangle soothing, and kill smiling. This is the true nature of the Fox, and in this they are perfect, which is a great pride unto me.

CHAP. XVIII.

How the Fox repenting his Sins, doth make his Confession, and is Absolved by the Brock.

TA TIC, faid the Brock, you may be proud that you babe fuch toward Children; and rejogce because they are of my Blood. I thank you Dephew, (Caid the for) but Iknow your Journey bath made you wearp, therefoze pour thall go to pour reft: to which the Brock confented; to they laid them down upon Straw Litter, and all flept foundly; but the for, whose Beart was heavy with sozrow, lap fludping bow be might beff ercuse bimself befoze the Ring. But as foon as the Mozning began to rife from the top of the Mountains, be arose, and went with Grimbard towards the Corut; pet befoze be went he took leave of his Mife and Childzen; and faid, Thank not mine absence long (bear Mife and Childzen) foz I muft go to the Court with mp Coufin Grimbard, and though mp fay be moze than ogdinary, pet take no affright thereat, and what tidings feeber you bear, pet confider all things fog the beft; and be careful of your felbes, and keep my Caffle close, and well guarded; as foz my felf, doubt not but 3 will befeat all mine Enemies. Alas Reynard (faid bis Mife) what mobes you to take this sudden Journey? the last time you were at the Court, you know what bangers you efcaped ; and pou bowed never to fee it again. aufil you now run a fecond bagard? Dame (faid the for) the occurrents of the World are divers and uncertain; and we are subject to the frokes of fortune: but reft pou content, there is necessity tbat

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that I go, and I hope my flay shall not be above five days at the uttermost; and so imbracing his Mise and Children, he took leave and departed; and as they journed over the Peath, Reynard said to the Brock, since I was last shriven, I have committed many hins, therefore I beseech you let me make before you my Confession, that I may pass with less trouble through my worst dangers.



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Then be praceeded, and faid, It is true, Rephew, that I made the Bear receibe a great wound for the Bale which I bib cut off his Skin; and I caused the Most and his Wife to



be fiript of their Shooes: Jappealed the Aing only with fallbood. If ained a conspiracy against his Maiesties life by the Bear and the Wolf, when there was never any such determination:

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The Minal. mination: also Irepozted of great Treasure to be hid in The Fox's thereing him-teif to the Brock, thems led Dame Sharpbeak the Rook's Mife. Laftly, I fozgot at the Arc of all my last shrift one great deceit which I committed, but I will reveal it, and thus it was; which ever

make devotion As I went talking with the Molf between Houthlust and their Cloak, By the brying Edverding, the beheld a goodly Bap Ware grazing with a Black fole by ber fide, which was erceeding fat and wanct the F le of ton: the Wolf at that infant wan almost Dead for bunger; the bisre, is fh. w.d. that infomuch that be intreated me to go to the Mare, and know when proud Men make in if the would fell ber fole: I went and demanded the quefiton. The Ware faid, the would willingly fell it foz Money : ftruments of I then asked the paice : and the faid, the paice was written wifer than themseives. & fuch as affect in ber hinder-faot, which it I pleafed 3 might come and nor their qua- read it at my pleafure; but I that well underffood ber polilicies, the ier tick anger, faib, It is truth that I cannot read, neither bo vice they do I befire to buy pour fole; only Jam a Meffenger from the them is ever to Molf, who hath a great defire o have it. Then (faid the bring them to Molf, who hath a great defire o have it. Then (faid the mifenicf, &c. Pare) let him come himfelt, and I will gibe him fatisfatte on : Then went I to the Molf, and rold him what the Bare Alfo when faid ; affuring bim, that if be pleafed be might habe bis bel-Ambition or Covernmenters like it is the fole, probided be could read for the price blinds Men, & lp full of the fole, probided be could read for the was waitten in the Bares hinder foot. Read (faid the makes them Molf)! what hould aile me? I can, Colfin, read both trust on in their own skill Latin, french, Englich, and Dutch; I habe fludied in & knowledge, Oxford, and argued with many Doctors, I have heard mar that then they are ever fud-ny flately Plays, and fitten in the place of Budgment: 3 habe taken degrees in both the Laws; nog is there that deniv overwafting which I cannot bilcipher: So befiring me to flag taken with for him there, away be went to the Pare, and craved that one mischiel or another. be might fee and read the paice of the fole: to which the and made a Mare confented, and lifting up ber binder foot which was mock and eern to their newly fod with ffrong gren, and feben harp Rail beade, as the Molf looked thereon, the fmote him to juft an the toes, and fuch blindfeld into Soze-bead, that the threwbim ober and ober, and be lay in a bead fwound whilf a Dan might have ridden a mile and the exit better; which done, away trotted the Ware with her Colt, and:

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and left the poor Molf bloody and wounded, insomuch that he howsed like a Dog: then went I to him, and said, Sir Isegrim. Dear Pephew, how do you? have you eaten too much of the Colt? indeed you are unkind, that will give me no part with you. Iwent on your message honessly? methinks you have out-slept your Dinner: good Pephew fell me what was writen under the Pares foot? was it in Prose or Rime? indeed I would fain know it: I think it was a Prick-song, sor I heard you sing: nay, you shew your Scholarship in all the Arts.

Alas Reynard, (alas faid faid the Molf) I pear pou forbear to disdain me, for 3 am extreamly wounded, and mine anguith is to great that a. Beart of flint would pity me. The damned Ware on ber long Legg bath an Iron foot, and I took the Mails to babe been Letters, on which I looked: the bit me to full on the Bead, I think my Scull is cloven. Dear Ancle (faid the for) is this truth which pou tell me? believe it, pou make me wonder ; wbp. I took you for one of the greatest Clarks in this Ringdom : Mell, I perceive the old Wasberb is now made good in you, The greatest Clarks are not the wifest Men. Booz Den some: times may out-frip them in Judgment; and the reason is, pou great Scholars fludy fo much, that pou grow bull, in that you fo much over-lobour. And thus with these mocks and taunts. I brought the Molf within a bairs breadth to Defiruction. And now fair Depbew, I habe unladed my Conscience, and belibered as many of mp Sins as I can call to remembrance; wherefore I befeech you let me receibe Abfalution and Benance: and then come what chance hall at the Court, 3 am armed against all dangers. Then Grimbard fait, pour Trefpaffes are great and bainous; neberthelels, who is dead muft abide Dead. And therefore here I freely absolve you, upon affurance of your hearty Repentance: only the contempt you made in fending bim Kaywards Bead, and the abufe of fo many fallboods will lie beavy upon you. Taby (faid the for) be that will live in the World to fee this, or hear that, and understand:

unberffand the third, muft eber conberte with Afflittion. Do Ban can touch Bonep, but be muft lick bis Fingers. I often feel touches of Repentance, but Reason and our Mill are eber in continual combat; fo that I oft fland fill. as at mp Mits end, and cry our against mp Sins, feeling a de: teffation of them; but prefently the Morlo and ber Manities appear to me again: and when I find fo many Stones and Rubs in my way, and the Cramples of the crafty 1020: lates, and rich Baiefis to inchant me, that 3 am foathwith taken again ; the Moglo fills me with Cobetouinels, and the flech with Mantonnels; fo that looting mp good refolutions, 3 am only for Bell and Mickednels. 3 bear their Singing, Wiping, Laughing, Playing, and all kind of Wirth; and I fee their abibs and Actions fo contrary. that nothing is more uncertain and barious: from them 3 learnt my Lping, and from Lozds, Courts mp flatterp: for certainly Logds, Ladies, Brieffs and Clerks, ufe moft Difsimulation. It is now an offence to tell great Wen trurb: And be that cannot diffemble cannot libe. 3 babe oft beard men fpeak truth, pet thep babe fill grac'd it with falthood, for untruths many times happen into discourse unwillingly, and without knowledge; pet babing a bandfom Barmentit eber goes fog currant. Dear Dephew. it is now a fathion to Lpe, flatter, Sooth, Threaten, Wap and Eurfe, and to bo any thing that map keep the weake in fubjection; who bo otherwise is held foolish: but be that care not whimble falthood in Truth's kerchief, bath neitbet Art noz Cunning : but be that can do it, and beliber Grroz without flammering, be may do Monders : be may wear Scarlet, Gan og Burple: be hall gain both by the Laws Spiritual and Memporal, and write bimfelf Conquerour in every befignment. Abere be many that immagine they can bo it neatly but their cuaning oft fails them: fo that when they think to feed of the fat morfels, they flip quite befides their Arenchers. Dthers are blunt and foollit. and for want of method marr all their Discourses; but be that can gibe to bis Lpe a fit and an apt conclusion, can pronounce it without ratling, and make it as truth, fair and amiable: Abat is the Wan, and worthp of admiration.

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But to fpeak the truth is no cunning,it neber makes the De: billaugh : to lye well and with a grace, to lift up Maong a: bobe Right, to make Wountains and build Caffles in the Mir, to make them juggle and look thosow their fingers, and all for hope of gain only : This, Dephew, is an Art beyond expression ; pet ebermoze at the end cometh Difero and Afflittion. I will not beng but fometimes Wen may jeft et lpe in fmall things, for be that will fpeak all truths. Stall Cometimes Tpeak out of feafon. To play Placebo, man now and then be boan with; for who fo fpeaks always truth, fall find many rubs in bis wap: Den map err foz need, and mend by courfe, fince no Arefpals bur bath bis Mercy, noz any Wisdom but at fometime bulletb. Aben (faid the Brock) Ancle, you are fo wife you cannot fail in any purpole; and I am grown inamoured of pon; pour Reafons to far furpals my Anderstanding, that there is no need of pour frift, foz pour felf map both play the Wateff and the Confessor: you know the Mogio on such foat, that it is impossible for any Man to Balt before pou.

With these and such manner of Discourses, they beld on their journey towards the Court: Det the Fores Beart (foz all bis fair thew) was fad and beaby; pet bis Countenance bewaaied it not; but be paft without amasement through all the press of the Court, eventill be came to the prefence of the Ring, and the Brock marched close by bis fide, faving, Ancle be not affraid, be of good cheer, it is Courage of whom foztune is eber enamoured. Aben (faid the for) Dephew, you fap true, and your counsel abails me: and fo on be went, caffing many disdainful countenances on those be lik'd not; og as who would fay, bere 3 am: what is that the proudest of you dare object against me? be beheld there many of his kin which be knew loved him not : as the Otter, the Bever, and divers others, which I will name bereafter: and many be faw that loved bim. as be was come in the view of the King, be fell down hum-

bly on bis knee and spake as followerb.

CHAP, XIX.

How Reynard the Fox excused himself before the King, and of the Kings answer.

That Divine power from whom nothing can be hid, sabe my Lozd the King, and my Lady the Aueen, and give them grace to know who hath right, and who hath wrong: for



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there are many falle thews in the Mozlo, and the Countes nance bewaapeth not the Beart, which I with were openly rebealed, and that every Creatures trefpals flood maitten in his forebead, albeit it coft me the uttermoft of mp fubfiance, og that pou (mp Soberaign Logo) knew me as nearip as mp feif, and bow 3 Dispote my felfe early and late, labouring in pour ferbice : for which caufe only malice makes all ber complaints against me, stribing the thrust me out of pour Brace and Fabour. Infomuch, that out of mp anguit I muft needs cry frame unto them which babe fo deadly be-Deberthelels, Iknow that you mp Lozd, and So: beraign Lady, are fo excellent in your Judgments, that you will not be carried away with falthoods: and therefore 3 bumbly befeech your Majesties to take into pour Misdoms all things according to the right of your Laws: for it is Auffice A look foz, and defire that he which is quilty, may feel the weight of his punifhment. foz beliebeit, dear Lozd, it shall be known befoze I depart from pour Court, who I am, that I cannot flatter, but will hew my face with an unblemifbed fozebead.

All they that were in the presence good amazed, and wonded when the for fpake fo fontly. But the Ring with a ffately countenance faib, Reynard, I know pou are expert in fallacies ; but Mozds are now too weak to relieve pou; I beliebe this dap will be the laft of pour Blorp and Difgrace: for me, I will not chide pou much, because I intend pou thall live but a thoat time: the love you do bear to me, you babe webed to the Conep and the Book, and pour requital thall be a thoat life on Earth. The ancient faping is, A Pot may pass long to the Water, but in the end comes broken home. And pour ebils habe to long fucceeded, that they will now pap you the basard. At thefe Mozds Reynard was ffricken into a great fear, and withed bimfelf far away, pet be bethought himfelf that now be must bear thozow, what fortune foeber came : Mbereupou be faid (mp Soberaign Logo the King) it is but Juffice that pou bear me answer my Acculations; for were my faults more hainious than Enby can make them, pet Equity gibes the accused leabe

ever to answer. 3 babe with my Counfels done you ferbice in former time, and may no lefs fill : I babe neber farted from pour Bajeffp, but walking by pour fibe, when others babe gone from your prefence : if then mp Enemies with their Manbers thall prevail against me, blame me not to complain. Time bath been, it was otherwife, and time map being it to the old courfe; for the actions of good Serbants ought not to be foggotten. Ifee bere dibers of my Binden and friends, which now make no value of me. whom I can probe go about to deprive pou of the beft Serbant pou poffels. Can pour Bajeffp imagine, if I bad been guitty in the least imagined Crime, that I would thus boluntarily habe made mp appearance, eben in the throng of mine Ene: mies? Dit bad been too much indiscretion; noz would the liberty I bad, been fo eafily fubjected. But Beaben be thank: ed I know mine Innocency, and dare affront my woaft Ene: Det wen mp kiniman Grimbard first brought me the Tidings, I muft confels I was balf diffracted with anger; and bad I not been in the centure of the Church, I bad appeared ere thep bad left complaining ; but that Detained me. And I wandzed with forrow upon the Beath, till I met with my Uncle Martin the Ape, who far erceeded any Baieft in Paffozal bufinels, for be bath been Attorney to the Bihop of Cambreck any time this nine years: and feeing me in this great agony of Beart, be faid, Dear Cnufin, why are pout bus beaby in Spirit? and why is pour Countenance dejected? Gzief is easie to carry when the burden is divided. amongs Friends : Foz the nature of a true friend is to behold and relieve that which anguish will not suffer the oppzeffed to fee og fuffer. Then Janfwered bim, Dou fag trut, Dear Uncle, and the like is my fortune ; for forrow is without caufe laid upon me ; and of that 3am not guilte, 3am accused by those 3 ranked with my beft friends; as namely, the Coney who came pefferday to my Boufe as I was faying Mattins, faying be was trabelling towards the Court, but was at that time both bungry and weary, and therefore requefted of me fome Deat: I willingly confented, took bim in, and gabe bim a couple of Manchets and fweet Butter : for it was on Mednesday, on which day Ineber eat fleth. Befibes

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Besides it was then a fast, by reason the feast of Abitson: The Moral. The was neer. At which we must have cleansed and prepared The boldness of the Foxes Pearts, Et vos estote Parati. Pow when he had almost respectance & fresh'd himself, my youngest Son Rossel came in, and offer speech, shews to take away what he had left (for you know the the nat the impudence of a design.



ture of Children is ever eating and craving.) But presently Commands, the Coney smote Rossel on the the Pouth, that his Aeeth though they bleed, and the poor fool fell down in a swound, which when Heathenish, &

of the Foxes appearance & offender, that having nothing but his own boldness to bolfter out his cause, still cries for Juffice, and cares not fo much to excuse himfelf, as to excufe others, & by digressions and extravagant speech to bring all those into difgrace which are able to testifie any thing against him. By the tale of the Apes going for him to Rome, and his threatning the King, isshewed, the ignorance and fortish blindness of the old times; which would thrall Kings under the Pope's Curfe, and makeththem fub ject to his were never fo



thewed that whofoever is never make tella loudlye, unprovided thereof, because they are the garment cloaths his

Diabolical. By as Revnardine (mp eldest Son) beheld, he foathwith leapt his excusing to the Coney, and caught him by the Bead, and questionless crimes againft had flain bim, bad I not come to the refcue. all bich done, the Coney and I went and gabe my Son correction for bis fault: But pre= the Rook, is fently Labrel the Coney posts to my Load the Ring, and informs, that Imp felf fought means to murther bim. refolved to do I am accufed without caufe, and baought in danger, that an ill act, will in truth habe best cause to accuse others. But not long after came Corbant the Rook figing to my Boufe with a fad Confcience to noife, and Idemanding what he ailed? he answered, Alas, por is he ever my Mife is dead. 3 crabed the caufe, he faid, A dead Bare iping on the Beath full of Bozbs and Airmin, of which the had eaten fo much, that the Mozms had gnamed ber Abzoat infunder ; and without fpeaking to me any moze Mozds, a: which he ever way be flew, leaving me much amaged, and now reports that I flem his Mife, which how could I possible by any knavery with means Do, confidering the flieth in the Air, and I walk a foot on the Ground? Abus Dear Uncle pou my fee bow 3

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am flandzed, but it may beit is for my old Sins, and there. By the Apes foze I bear it with moze patience. Then faid the Ape to friendin Rome me Denhem von findl go to the Court and diffusive their Simon or Sim me, Rephew, you hall go to the Court and disprobe their vi, Pen-Tout, fallboods. Alas, Ancle (quoth I) it cannot be, fog the or Takeill, and Arch deacon bath put me in the Bopes Curfe, because J Wait-Scatch, gabe counsel to the Wolf to fozsake his boly Deders, when or Do-mischief, be complained to me of his unableness to endure that first wickedness of life, and much faffing ; of which ad I now much repent me, thefe days in fince he repayed my love with nothing but hatred and ma- Rome, and how lice, and with all the flanders he can invent, fliring his by much Pajefty baily against me. Thefe things (dear Uncle) bring might purme to my Wits end; fog of necefsity I muff go to Rome chafe any for Absolution; and in mine absence, what injury may haps thing he went pen to my Wife and Children through the malice of these about. By his bloody Marethes and one man out to Marethes and one man out to make infiniating bloody Mazerches any one may guels: Thereas on the with the Apes other part, were I but free of the Popes Curfe, then I Wife, who was could go to the Court, and plead my own Caufe, and turn then a great their malice into their own Bosoms. favorite about the Queen, is

Then faid the Ape, Coufin, caff off pour forrow, for 3 of a fubrile shewed the art know the way of Rome well, and am experienced in these Head, that to businesses : for I am called the Bishops Clark, therefore I gain himself a will on thither, and enter a wild anging the Archibercon firong party, will go thither, and enter a Wiea against the Archideacon, will not spare and in Spite of bim will baing pou from the Bope a well any falfe in-

But Man, I habe many great friends there, as my An- against those cle Simon, and others, Pen-Stout, Wait catch, and the like, dare not the all which will fland unto me: befides, I will not go unfur inferious onifed of Money, for I know warators are best heard with pen their lips Gifts, and the Law hath no feet to walk on but Poney: By the flight A true friend is tried in necessity, and you thall finde me and the Rook, without diffembling ; therefoze caft off pour grief, and go to is shewed the Court as soon as you can, for I will presently to Rome, how soon the and in the mean time here I quit you of all your Sins and weak are terApplications and only not them there were the present Diffences, and only put them upon my felf: when you came dannted with to the Court, you shall find there Dam Rukenaw my Mife, the threather to Sifters and my three Children, with divers others nings of the of our family, Ipzay you falute them from me, and them frong and them mine occasions: mp Mife is erceeding Mife, and

'ris better to the thall find that ber diffreffed friends thall not frink toben fit down with I can help them. I know the is faithful and, as behoves wrong, than her will never leave her friend in hanger. At the uttermes to contend ber, will neber leabe ber friend in danger. At the uttermeft, with one that if pour oppzelsion be moze than pou can babe, fend pzelently holderh too to me to Rome, and not an Enemy that you bear, be it Ring ftrong a party: 02 Dueen. 02 Subject, even from the higheft to the lowell, And also how but I will prefently put them in the Popes Curle, and fend vantage the back fuch an Interdiction, that no Boly oz Sacred Duty fall offender takes be performed till pou babe Right and Juffice reffozed you. heart & there-

on grounds This affure your felf, I can cafily perform, for bis Boly. the ffrength of his greater nels is berp old, and little regarded; only now Cardinal innecence. By Pare Gold beareth all the fway in the Country, as being the Lions laft poung and rich in many frinds: Befides be bath a Concuthe Foxes di-bine, of whom be is to far enamoured, that he denies nothing the demanderb. Bis Lady is my Deece, and will do rections, is thewed, that whatfoeber I request ber : therefoze Coufin, go boidip to the when Truth Bing, and charge bim to to you Juffice, which I know be and Authority will, fince he underftands the Laws are made for the ufe of

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wicked, that then fludying This (my Soberaign Load the Ring) wben I beard him Conscieuce, helpeak, 3 smil'd, and with great joy came hither to relate is able to a-unto pou the truth: Therefoze if pou, og any Creature bide no lon- within this Court, can charge me with any Arespals what: ger, but with foeber, and probe it by Teftimony, as the Law requireth, filence and oz elfe otherwife be will appole himfelf againft me, Berfon down-caft look, he thews to Berfon ; grant me but a bay, and equal lifts, and in combate 3 will maintain my innocency againft bim, paobided plainly the be be equal to me in Birth and Degree : this Law bath grief which lies within eber bitberto flood confant, and I bope neither in me, foz him. me, og by me, it shall now be baoken.

> When all the Affembly of Beafts beard this, they were dumb and amaged to behold bis foutnels. As foz the Conep and the Bock, they were fo fcared, they durit not fpeak, but paibately Role away out of the Court, and being far on the Plain, they faid, This bebillich mutherer bath fuch Art in his falhood, that no truth can wok with betret countenance,

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countenance, which only our felves know, but have no or ther witness; therefore it is better we depart, than try combate with him, which is so much too strong for us, and so away they went.

liegrim the Molf, and Bruin the Bear, were very sad when they saw these two sociake the Court: whereupon the King said, If any will appear the Hor, let him come sooth, and he shall be heard: Vesterday we were laden with complaints, where are they to Day? Vere is the Hor ready to answer.

Then said the For, By Soveraign Load, absence makes impudent Accusers bold, when presence daunts them, as your Highness may see both by the Coney and the Rook! D what it is to trust the malice of these Cowards! and how soon they may consoned good Men,! but so me, it matters not: nevertheless had thay, (at your Majesties commandment) but ask'd mesorgiveness, I had quickly cast all their offences behind me, sor I will never thake hands with Cha-

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rity : noz neber bate og complain of mine Enemies : mp re: benge I leave to Beaben, and Juffice to pour Majeffies. Aben faid the Bing, Reynard, pou fpeak well, if the inward beart be like the outward thew; pet I fear pour greif is not fo much as you express it : It far furmounts it, faid the For : Do, quoth the Bing, foz I muft charge pou with one foul Treafon, which is, when I had pardoned all your great Aranfgrefsions, and pou bad promifed me to go a Bilari: mage to the Boly Land: when I had furnifed pou with Bale, with Staff, and all things fitting that bolp Daber. then in the greatest contempt you fent me back in the Wale by Bellin the Ram, the Bead of Kayward the Bare, a thing to notozioufly to my difgrace and diffonour, that no Areafon can be fouller. Abis pou babe no colour to deny, foz Bellin (our Chaplin) at his death revealed the whole process. and the same reward which he then gained, the same you hall receibe, og elfe right hall fail me.

At this Bentence Reynard grew so soze affraid, that he knew not what to say, but looked with a pitiful Countenance upon all his Kindzed which stood round about him; his Colour went and came, and his Peart fainted, but none lent him either Pand of Foot to help him: Ahen the King said, Ahou distembling and false Arastoz, why art thou now so dumb? But the For being full of anguish, fetch a sight as if his Peart would have broke; so that every Beast pitied him, save only the Bear and the Molf, which rejoyced to

fee his foarow.

CHAP. XX.

How Dame Rukenaw answered for the FOX to the King, and of the Parable she told him.

Dame Rukenaw the the Ape (being Aunt unto Reynard and a great favourite of the Aueens) was much grieved when the law this distraction, and it was well for the for that the was in the presence: for the was exceeding wise, and durft boldly speak; and therefore rising up (after reverence done) the said, My Lord the King, you ought not to be posses with

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with anger, when you sit in Audgment, foz it becometh not Pobility to be void of reason: it is discretion which hould only accompany you in that season: foz mine own part, A think Aknow the Laws as well as some which wear kurred Gowns, foz A read many, and put some in use. It is well known, I had ever in the Pope's Balace a bed of strate, when other Beasts lay on the bare ground, and A was ever suffered to speak freely without interruption; because

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The Moral. By the fhe Apes answerin for the Fox is shewed how apt weak women are to be flattered into any belief in ty, or gain old Proverb, pound in defence, shewed the a woman that good or evil the intends, unurged, which may

caufe I talk not beyond my erperience. It is Seneca's opinion, that Brinces are bound to do Juffice to ail men; nor may the Law water or halt with any partiality. 3 do not think but if ebery man which ftandeth bere , fould call to an account all the actions of his life, be could not chuse but pity much the effate of my poor kinfman Reynard; and therefoze with every one to know himfelf, for none to fure but they may fall; and for him that ne. may either ex- ber erred, be is to good be neederh no amendment. preis their pi- do amil's and mend it by counfel, is bumane and manly : but to trefpals and fill gallop forward in iniquity , is thews, the ve- devillith and insufferable: the Poly Book faith, Be merciful ritying of the and judge not, left you be judged; and in another place, when the Pharifees brought a Moman taken in abultery, in Court is e. and would have foned ber to death, asked our Lord what ver worth a be faid thereto? be answered, Which of you all is without a fin , let him caft the firft ftone : But they all departed and left Man's Purfe. ber ; In mine opinion , it is fo bere to day ; fog bere be By the vio- many that find firates in others eyes, but fee not the beams lence of her in their own, he that falleth oft, and in the end ariteb in their own : be that falleth oft , and in the end ariteh and cometh to mercy , cannot be faid to be damned : good: true nature of nels neber foglaketh ber own ferbants. This countel would some take to their hearts, the day would not appear into extreams, to bark as it both to my Coufin Reynard. It is well known and fo the that his Bandfather and father eber bare greater remay do the putation in this Court, then either Bruin 02 legrim , 02 their whole generation. Alas, when have their Countels, oz Misdoms been worthy to have held comparison with those any thing con- of my Coutin Reynards? why, the passages of the Mogid art cealed which to them Baophelies, which they understand not; and the may any way Court is turned toplie turby by his ablence : the ebil are purpose, nor now advanced, and the good suppressed; but how this yet any thing can long endure, I fee not; fince the end of their labour, is but the ruin of pour Bajeffp.

that are of the To this speech the King made this answer; Dame, had the contrary facti- For done that offence to pou, as he hath done to others, your on, as may ap- excuse would courb in another nature ; you cannot blame me pear bythe tale to hate bim, fince it is only be which breaketh my Laws and Cobe.

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Tobenants: you have heard him accused of Aheft, Gurder of the Man and Areason, how can you then defend him? if you will needs make him your Saint, then set him upon the Altar, and the Serpencian do him Aozhip; but believe it, there is no one good the wisdom of thing in him: and however you imagine, yet search him, the fox, and and you will sind him rotten and desouned; there is neither dishilicyofthe kinsman noz friend (but your self) that will assist him, and bear, the Woolf therefoze your violence draws my greater wonder. About and the rest of companion hath he that ever thrived by his Society? Oz the Fox senewhom hath he smill on, that his tail hath not after basht mics.

To this the she Ape replied, Apy Loed, I love him, and have ever boen him a singular reverence; and I can well recount one noble and good action he did in your presence, for which you then thanked him, though now forgotten: yet the heaviest thing should ever weigh the most; and men should keep a measure in their assections, and not hate, nor love with biolence; since constancy is the greatest ornament of a Princely nature. The should not praise the day till the evening come; nor is good counsel available,

but to those which mean to pursue it.

I remember about some two years since, there came to this Court a Pan and a Serpent to have Judgment in a doubtful controverse. For the Serpent attempting to go through a hedge, was taken by the nick with a snare, so that there was no way to escape with life: a certain man passing by, the Serpent called and cried unto him, and desired his help, or he should perith presently. The Pan taking pity of him said, If thou will faithfully promise me neither to do me hurt with thy tooth or tail, or other Poyson about thee, I will release thee. The Serpent presently sware he would not, neither that time, nor any time hereafter: So the Pan unloosed him, and set him free, and they went sorth and travelled together a long season.

At last the Serpent grew exceeding hungry, and rusing upon the Pan, offered to kill him: but the Pan started
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thine Dath? the Serpent replied, No, but I may justly kill thee, since I am compelled thereto by hunger which canceleth all obligations. When the Man said, If it be so, yet give me leave to live till we may meet with the next passenger, which may judge the controverse.

Abe Serpent agreed thereto; so they travelled till they met with Titellen the Kaven, and Slinopere his son: to whom relating the difference, the Kaven adjudged that the Ser-

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pent thould eat the Dan, hoping that he and his son thould get a that also. But the Dan said, How that he that is a robber, and lives by blood, judge the cause? it must not be one but divers, and such as know both Law and Equity, that must judg this Contention: the Raven is neither just, now indifferent.

Then they travelled till they met the Bear and the Wolf, unto whom also they told the matter, and they adjudged against the Man likewife. Aben the Serpent began to caft bis Menom at the Man; but the Man leap: ed away, and faid, you do me wrong thus to attempt to kill me : and the Serpent faid. Bath not Judgment gone twice on my ibe? Des, faid the Man,. by fuch as are Wurtherers themselbes, and such as never kept promife; but I appeal to the Court, let me be treed by your King, and what Judgment be gibeth. I will willingly abide. Ao this all consented: So they came to the Court befoze pour Majeffy, and the Molfs two Childen came with their father , the one was called Empty-belly, the other Navel-tull, because they sought to be: bour the man. So the full process of the matter was de: clared to your Majesty: but the man's kindness and cobenant, the berpents danger and faith beeach, occakon. ed through the extremity of hunger. Remember how much pour Bigbnefe was perplered with their difference, and all pour Council aifo : Foz the Man's forrow, the Ber-Pent's bunger : the Man's goodness, and the Serpent's ingratitude, equally raifed much pity in your bosome. But in the end, fuch boubts rofe, that not any in your Court was able to judge it. At the last, when no help could be found, then you command my Biniman Reynard to becide the bufinels : then was be Daacle of the Court, noz was anp thing receibed, but what be propounded : But be told your Dajeffp that it was impoffible to gibe true Judgment ac. coading to their relations, but if be might fee the berpent in what manner be was ferrered, and the greatnels of bis Danger, then be knew well bow to gibe Budginent therein. Then you commended bim, and called bim by the title of Lord Reynard, approving that to be bone which be bad Tpoken.

Then went the Man and the Serpent to the place where the Serpent was fnar'd, and Reynard commanded the Serpent to be fastned as befoze in the snickle, which being done, then said your Majesty, Reynard, what Judgment will you tow give? and he replyed, They are now, my Lazd, in the



fame estate they were befoze at their sirst encounter: they have neither won noz lost: Therefoze this is my centure, if it be your Pajesties pleasure, if the Pan will not loose and unbind the Berpent, upon the same pagemise and Dath made fozmerly unto him, he may at his pleasure: But if he think that hunger oz other inconvenience will make him break his faith, then may the Pan freely go whether he will, and leave the Berpent bound and inthralled as he first found him: for it is sit that ingratitude he so repaid. This Judgment your Paiesty then applauded for the most excellent, and held the Wissom of the Fot unimitable, terming

him the preferber of your Ponour. Withen die eber 'the Bear, og Molf the like? they can bowl, og fcold, fleal, rob, and eat fat mogfels, make their guts crack with others ruins; and condemn him to death which takes a abicken; but themfelbes will kill Rine, Dren, and Bogles, D they go fafe, and be accounted as wife as Solomon, Avicen, oz Ariltotle, and their Deeds and Statutes must be read for Monuments. But if they come where Mirtue is to be exercised, they are the firft which retreat, and let the simple go foremost whilst they follow in the Rear with thame and cowardite. Thele (mp Lozd, and the like) are the fools of thefe coarupt times, pet befirop Mowns, Caffles, Land and Beople : noz care they whose bouse burnerb, to they may warm them by the fire : for it is their profit only at which their aim bend. erb. But Reynard the for, and all bis family, babe eber made the Bonour of the King their renown and adbance: ment, and applied their counfel to Do kim ferbice, not pride and boaffing : This bath been and is bis erercife, though it now be thanklefs. But time, I bope, will paoduce whole merit is greateft. Pour Baiefty faps, bis Kindzed is fallen from bim. and fart at bis foztune : would any but your Bigbnels habe affirmed it, you fould then babe feen there could not be a thing of greater falthood : But pour Brace map fap pour pleafire, noz will 3 in any mord oppose you : for to to him that so durit do, mould both be and we bend our forces. It is known we bare fight, noz are we befcenbed of any bafe Beneration : Pour Digbnels map call to mind the worth of our Dedigree, and bow dearly from time to time they babe refpetted bim, willing eben to lay bown their libes and goods for the fafety of their noble Biniman Reynard. for mine own part, I am one my felf, and albeit I am the Wife of another, pet for bim I would not fick to fpend mp dearest blood : Be fides. I babe three full grown Children, which are known, baliant and firong in Arms, pet for his take I would adventure them all to the uttermost peril, albeit I love them with that dear affection that no Dother dothezceed me: my first boan is called Bitelas, which is

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most active and nimble; my second Fulrump; the third is a daughter called Hartaner, agirl that can look a Man's head, and pich out Lice moze nimbly than all the Combs in Christendom: and these three are loving and bear to one another: and with that the called them forth unto her, and said, Come my dear Children, and stand with your Kinsman the



Poble Reynard, and with you, come all the rest of our ancient family and be all Petitioners to the king, that he will do to Reynard the equity of his Laws and Kingdom, Ahen presently came forth a world of other Beasts, as the Squiril, and the Herret: for these love Pullen as well as Reynard doth: When came the Otter and Pencerote his Wife, which Ahad almost sozgetten, because in sozmer time they had taken part with the Bear against the Kor, but now they date not, but obey Dame Rukenaw, sor they stood in fear of her willow and greatness: and with these came above twenty other

other Be alis foz her take, and flood by Reynard. Then came also Dame Arrot and her two Sikers, thee Meelel, and Harmel the Ass, the Bzock, the Mater-Cat, and many others, to the number of almost an hundred, and flood by Reynard, with such affection, as if his trouble did equally concern them. Then said the She-Ape, App Lozd the King, now you may see my kinsman bath Friends that dare about him; and we are your true and loyal Subjects, which will never fail to do you faithful service. Therefoze let us with one noice beg of your Majesty, that Reynard may have Austice; and if he be not able to disprove his Adversary, and clear the Crimes imputed against him, let the Law pass, for we will not murmur to see his Destruction.

Then said the Aueen to Rukenaw, Thus much I told unto his Spajesty pesterday, but his anger was so great, he would not give ear to me. Also the Libard said, Sir, you must judge according to Mitness: for to be governed by Mill se transous and ignoble. Then answered the King, It is true you imform me, but the disgrace done to my particular self in Kaywards death, and other informations, robb d me of patience, that I had no leasure to look back either to Law or Reason: Therefore now let the For speak boldly, and if he can justly acquir himself of the Crimes laid against him, I shall gladly restore him his Liberty; and the rather sor you his dear Friends sake, whom I have ever sound Faithful and Loyal.

Dhow infinitely glad was the For when he heard these Mozds, and faid in himself, Thanks my noble Aunt a thousend times, thou hast put new Blossoms on my dzy'd Roses, and set me in a fair path to Liberty. I have one good foot to dance on; and I doubt not but to use my Art of Dissipulation so dzabely, that this day shall be remembred for

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How Regnard excused himself of Kaywards Death, and all other Imputations; got the Kings favour, and made relation of certain Jewels.

Then spake Reynard the Hor to the King, and said, Alass my Hoberaign Lozd, what is that you said? Is good Kayward the Pare dead? Where then is Bellin the Ram? or what did he bring to your Pajesty at his return; sor it is certain I delivered him three rich and inestimable Iewels, I would not for the Mealth of India they hould be detained from you: the chief of them I directed to you my Lozd the King, the other two to my Hoberaign Lady the Rueen. But (said the King) I received nothing but the Pead of poor murthered Kayward, for which I executed the Ram, having consess the deed to be done by his advice and counsel. Is this truth (said the Hop)? then wo is me that ever I was born:

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boan; for there are loft the goodlieft Jewles that ever were in the possession of any Paince libing : would I bad bied when you were thus defrauded. for I know it will be the Death of mp Blife, nog will the ever henceforth efteem me. Then faid the the Ape, Dear Dephew, why thould pou fo2row thus for transitory Mealth ? let them go, only biscourfe what manner of Jewels thep were, it map be we wall find them again, if not, the Magician AD. Alkarin thall labour bis Books, and fearch ail the corners of the Carth. Befibes, whofoever betains then, mall be curff in all Barifies, till be reftoze them to the Rings Bajeffp. D. Aunt (faib the for) do not perswade pour self so; for whosever bath them, will not refloze them to gain an Empire, thep are to goodly and precious: pet pour Mords do fomething ap-But whom hall we truft in this corrupt Age. mben eben Sandity it felf walks maskt and miffaken ? And then ferching a deep figh, with which be gilded bis dissimulation, be proceeded on and faid. Bearken all pou of mp Stock and Lineage, for I will bere discover what these rich Zewels were, of which both Jand the Ring are De-The first of them (and which indeed I intended franded. to his Majefip) was a King of fine and pure Bold, and within this Ring, nert the Finger, were engravened Letters enamelled with Agure and Sables, containing three Hebrew names; for my own part I could neither read nor fuell them : But AD. Abron of Trete, the ercellent Lingu ft, who knoweth the nature of all manner of Berbs, Beafis, and Minerals, to this famous Jew I fewed the King once. and he affured me, that thep were those three Dames which Seth brought out of Waridice, when be brought to bis father Adam the Dol of Mercy. And whosoever thall wear thefe thee Dames about bim, thail neber be burt by Thunder and Lightning, neither thall any Witchcraft babe power ober bim : De fall not be tempted to do any fin, neither thall hear or cold ever annop him. Thom the top of the Ring was encaft a moft precious Stone of three feveral colours; The firft like red Chapftal, and glittering like fire and that with fuch beigbenefs, that if one had occasion to journey by Bight, the light thereof was fo great as that .

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The Moral. By the relation which the Fox made of the Jewels & their feveral vertues and riches, is shewed the policy of the wicked. which are ever prepared of those bairs which they know will fconest catch the minds of them they are to intangle : as Wealth , Health, Honour, and Vertue, all which are to be lodged in those Tewels. As for the ftories contained in them, the Fox doth moralize them himfelf. thewing in them feverally the imputations he would have the Lion know to be in his enemy, &

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ples are ever- that at Boon-bay. Abzoughout their colour was white more birer, and clear, as if it bat been burnifped ; and the bertue of it & work more was to cure any blemith or forenets in the Gres. or any part of the Body: Allo (by froaking the place griebed there. than any vi- withal) it paelently cureth all manner of Swellings Beab. olent fpech aches, oz any Sickness whatfoeber; whether it were de: nom, Weakness of Stomach, Collick, Stone Strangulli-

en, fiffula, og Canker, either outwardly applied as afoge whatfoever. hewed, or inwardly, by fleeping the Stone in Mater, and By the ropeathen bainking the fame. The laft colour was Green like his Fathers Brafs, mirt with a few fmall spots of Burple: and the services, is Learned affirmed foz truth, that wholoeber wears this Stone flewed the about him, could never be banquith'd by his Enemies , and ation of offenthat no Creature, were be never fo firong and bardy, but ders, which to mould vield unto bim, and he mould be Mittaz Day and Dight extenuate prein all places. Again, as far as one boze it fasting, into fent crimes, in all places. Again, as tar as one voze it taning, into call to mind what company soever be chanced (were they his work Ene-their good mies) pet thould be be of them infinitely beloved, not deeds paft; not thould any angry or ill turn be remembred: Alfo if one fo much for hould be naked in a baft wibe field, againft. an bundzed the memory armed Enemies, yet hould not his Beart fail bim, but be example, as to hould come off with Bonour and Mictory : only be muft beg a new rebe nobly beed, and of no churlith Dilpolition; for the King ward, though gabe no bertue te any which was not a true Bentleman. it have been Pow all these Mertues considered, I thought my self un- paid for; for worthy to keep it: and therefore I sent it to you my 1028 noble spirits the King, knowing you to be the most ercellent of all Crea- have ever a tures libing , and one on tobom all our Libes Depend, and tender feeling therefose fitteft to be quarded with forich a Zewel.

This King I found in my fathers Treasure: and in brance of any the fame place alfo I found a Comb, and a Blafs Dir- good turns rerour, which mp Bife befired of me : they were Jewels an chligation of great wonder and admiration : thefe were fent to mp they feldom Lady the Dueen, because of ber Baace and Bercy errended cancel. towards me : to fpeak of the Comb it can never be too much praifed, forit was made of the Bone of a noble Beaft named Panthera, wbich libeth between the greater India and earthly Paradice, he is so goodly and fair of colour, that there is no beautiful colour under Beaben but some splendoz thereof appears in bim: also the smell of bim is so delicate, sweet and wholsome, that the very sabout cureth all Infirmities; and for bis ercellent Beauty and rare Doeur, all other Beafts attend and follow bim, foz be is the Bhpfician to all their Sicknelles. Abis Panthera bath one fair Bone broad and thin, which whenfoeber this Beaft is

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flain, and the birtues of the whole Beaft do reft in that bone which can never be broken, neither ever rot, consume of perith, either by Mater. Fire, of other Miolence: yet it is so light, a small feather may poise it: the small of it hath



that bertue, tha whosoeber scents it, taketh delight in no siber smell whatsoeber, and they are presently eased of all manner of Diseases and Infirmities; and the Beart is cheerfull and merry ever after.

This Comb is polified like unto fine Silver, and the teeth of it be small and straight; and between the great teeth and the small, in a large field or space, there is graven many an Image subtilly made, and cunningly enamelled about with fine Gold: the field is chequer'd with Sables and Silver, and enamell'd with Sybor and Azure! and therein is contained the story how Venus, Juno, and Pallas, firove for the Golden Ball in the Mountain Ida, and how it was put to Paris to give it to the fairest of them.

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Paris at that time was a Shepherd, and kept bis flocks mith Onore, on that bill : and as foon as the bad received the Ball. Juno promifed if he would bestow it on ber, the mould make bim the richeft apan in the Mozlo. Pallas faid, That if the might babe it, to make bim the wifest Wan in the Mozlo, and the most fortunate against bis Enemies. But then Venus faid, what needeft thou Mealth, Misbom, oz Calour? Art thou not Priamus Son, and Hectors Brother, which have all Afia under their power? Art thou not one of the Beirs of mighty Troy? come give me the Ball, and I will gibe thee the goodlieft Areafure of the Mozid, and that thall be the faireft Lady breathing: the whose like no Sun hall ever again bebold : so halt thou be richer than Kiches, and climb abobe all in Glory : that is the Mealth none can praise too much, fince Beauty is that beabenly Elirer which turns all things into Jop and Contentment.

Unben Paris heard this, he defired to know the Lady, and Venus said, It is Hellen of Grece, the Unite of Ring Menelaus; the that is Iem of the Mozid, the Areasure of Beauty, and the Glozy of all Eyes which did behold her: Ahen presently Paris gave her the Ball, and confirm'd her fairer then the other Goddesses. Ahen another place was figured how he won Hellen, brought her to Troy, the solemnity at the Parriage, the honour of the Ariumphs, and

all things elfe contained in that large Stoap.

Now for the Glass mirror, it was not inferiour to either of the other: for the Glass that flood thereon, was of such vertue, that Den might see and perceive therein whatsoever was done within a mile thereof, whether it was the actions of Dan, or Beast, or any thing else the Dwner hould desire to know: and whosoever but gazed therein, if he had any Apalady whatsoever, it was presently cured. So great were the vertues of this rare Glass, that wonder not if A hed tears to think of the loss: for the Mood in which this Glass stood was light and sast, and is called Oatine, it will last ever; sor Morns, Dust, Met, nor Lime can consume it, and therefore King Solomon seeled his Lemyle with

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the same: the value for exceeding that of Gold, it is like to the Mood Hebenus, of which King Crampart made a Porse, for the love of the most beautiful Daughter of King Marcadiges. This Porse was made with such Art within, that

that whofoever robe no it, if he pleased, he would run above an bundred miles in lefe than an bour, which was approbed by Clamades the Rings Son; who not beliebing in the Engine, and being poung and luftp, leapt upon the Boafe, and page. fently Crampart turning a pin that flood in the Breft of the Engine, mobed and went out of the Walace through the Mindows, and in the first minute be was gone at leaft ten miles. Clamades was much affrighted at the wonder, and imagined (as the Storp faid) that be fould never habe returned back a. gain: But of this long journey, much fear, great trouble, and infinite jop, when be bad learned to manage and gobern the woben Beaft, A leave to fpeak foz tediouinels fake : onip

the high pertue of all issued from the Brood.

Df this Bood the Blafs: cafe was made, being larger than the Blafs by half a foot and moze, fquare; upon which berge was cecpphered dipers many frange Biftogies in Bold, in Silver, Sables, Bellow, Agure and Cynope: and thefe Colours were very curioufly wrought and interlaid together, and under each Bifforp the woods fo engraben and ename! led, that any Man might read the whole Stozy: beliebe it. the Mozlo never produced a thing of greater worth lufter or In the upper part thereof food a Borfe in his natural glory, fat, fair, and fiery, which baabed a fately Bart which ran befoze bim ; but feeing be could not obertake this Bart in fwiftnefs, at which be infinitely bifdained, be went to a Berdiman flanding by, and told bim if he would belp bim to take a Bart which be would hew bim, be hould habe all the profit of the conquett, as the Borns, Skin and fleh: Aben the Berdiman asked bim what means be hould ufe to get bim : the Borfe faid, Wount upon mp Back, and I will bear thee after bim, till with tiring we take bim. The Berofman took bis offer, and befiriding the Bogle, followed the Deer; but be fied away fo fait, and got fo much ground of the Boale, and with much labour the woale grem wearp , and be babe the Berdiman light, foz be would reft bim a while. But the the Berdiman faid, 3 babe a Baidle an the Bead, and Spurs on my Beels, therefoze know thew art now my Berbant, neither will I part with thee, but gobern thee as feems beft to my pleafure.

the Horse brought himself into thraloom, and was taken in his own net: for no Creature bath a greater Adbersary than his own enby: and many that labour the hurt of others,

fill fall upon their own ruins.

In another part was figured an Affe and a Bound, which were both the Serbants of a rich Man. This Man lebed bis Beund erceedingly, and would oft play with bim, and fuffer the Dog to fawn and leap upon bim, and now and then to lick him about the Mouth. Dow when Bauldwin the Affe fam this, be began to enby the Bound, and faid, What fees mp Mafter in this foul Bound, that be fuffers bim thus to lean upon bim and kils bim? I fee no profitable ferbice be dorb bim; I labour, bear and daw, and bo moze ferbice in one Meek, than the Dog and his whole kind are able to do in a Bear, and per babe I not the tythe of his fabours : foz he fitterh by his Arencher, eats the fat of his Deat, and lies on Carpets and Billows: when I that do all am fed only with Bettles and Thiffles : Mell, I will no longer indure it, but I will fludy to have my Lozds fabour as much as the Bound, if not in greater meafure. Anonthe Bafter of the Boule came home, and the Affe lifting up bis tail, leapt with his foze-feet on his Wouth to kifs him. and ufed fuch rude unmannerly actions, that he rubb'o all the skin from his Mafters Cars, and almost overthrew bim ; fo that the Man was forc'd to cry out, Belp, belp, for this Affe will kill me. Aben come in bis Berbants with flabes, and beat the Alle to exceedingly, that he was almost flain: which Done, be returned to his fall again, and was an Affe as be was befoze. In the fame manner, they which do enby and spight at others welfare: if they receive the same reward, it is nothing moze thanks due to their merit : foz an Affe is an Affe, and was boan to eat Abifiles: and where Affes go: bean, there order is never observed; for they have no epe eis ther on this fide, og beyond their own paivate profit : pet fometimes they are advanced, the moze is the pity.

In another part was figured the Stozy, how my Kather and Tibert the Cat travelled together, and had swozn by their troth, that neither for love nor hate they would depart one from the other: but it happened on a time, they saw

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Punters coming over the Fields with a Kennel of Pounds, from which they fied apace, for their Lives were in danger. Then said the For, Tibert whither thall we be; for the Punters have espied us? for my own part, I have a thousand wiles to escape them, and as long as we abide together, we hall not need to fear them. But the Cat began to fight, and was exceedinhly afraid, and said, Reynard, what need many words? I have but one wile, and that must help me, and forthwith he clambred up to the top of a high Aree, where he lurk'd amongst the Leaves, that neither Huntsman nor Pounds could hurt him, and left my Father to abide the whole hazard, for the whole Kennel pursued him, Horns and Hollows ecchoing after him, Kill the For, kill the For.

This when Tibert faw, be mocked my father, and faid, Dow Coufin Reynard, it is time to let loofe all pour wiles. for if your Mit fail you. I fear your whole Body will perit. This mp father bearing from bim be moft trufted and being then in the hight of his pursuit wearied, and almost spent. be let bis Male flip from bis Shouldiers, to make bimtelf fo much the lighter; pet all avail'd not, for the Bounds were so swift they bad caught bim, bad be not by chance espied a bole into which he entred, and escaped the Bounds and Buntimen. Aben pou map fee the falle faith of the Cat, like whom there may be many living at this time; and though this might well ercufe me from lobing the Cat, get my Souls bealth and charity binds me to the contrary, and I with bim no burt, though his misfoztunes thall never be griebous to me: not fo much foz batred, as the remembrance of bis Injuries, which often contends againft my Reafon.

Also in that Dirrour stands another Distory of the Molf, how on a time he found upon a Beath a dead Bosse, whose seth being eaten away, he was fain to gnaw and debour the bones; which he did with such greediness, that swallowing them too hastily down, one fell so cross his throat, that he was almost check d and hardly escaped with life: where upon he sought every place for the cunningest Surgion, promising him great gifts to ease his torments: but having lost much labour, in the end he met with the Crane, and besought

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bim with his long Peck and Bill to help him, and he would highly reward him. The Crane greedy of gain, put in his Pead into the Molfs Ahrad, and brought out the Bone. The Molf started at the pull, and cried out aloud, Ahrad hurtest me but I do forgive thee: pet do it not again I charge thee, for at anothers hands I would not bear it: then the Crane said, Historium, go and be frollick, you are whole, I look for no more but the reward you promised me: How (said the Molf) what impudence is this? I suffer and have cause to complain, pet he will be rewarded, he will not so much as thank me for his life, but forgets that his Head was in my Houth, and how I suffered him to draw in out again without hurting, albeit he put me to exceeding much pain: I suppose it is I which deserbe the reward and not the Crane.

Abus pou map fee the fathion of ungrateful Den in thefe Daps, bow they ever rewarded Good with Evil: foz where Bride is eralted, there Bonour is ever laid in the duft. There be a world which ought to reward, and do good to those that have advanced them, which now complain, and make those advancements injuries, but the guardion will follow: foz it is the wifest counsel. Abat whosoever will ge about to chaffife another, fould ever be fure of his own clear. nefs. All this, and a world moze than I can well remember, was cur. ouff wought on this Blafs : for the Mork-mafter thereof was the cunningest and profoundest Clark in all Sciences that ever bzeathed. And because the Zewels were too good and parcious for me to keep, therefore I fent them to the Ring and Queens Majeffies as a Baefent, to witness my faith and Serbice: D be that bab feen what forrow my Children made when I fent the Blafe away, would babe wondzed; foz by reason of the great birtue therein, they oft gaged in the fame ; both to bebold themfelbes, and to fee bow their Cloathing and Apparel became them.

Little did I then imagine good Kayward was so near his beath: foz, than but himself, and Bellin the Ram, I knew no Pessenger worth to carry such a Present. But I will search the whole Morld, but I will find the Purtherer; for Purther cannot be hid. It may be, he is in this Presence

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which knows what is become of Kayward, albeit be do conceal it ; foz many Devils walk like Saints. Det the greatef wonder of all is (which troubled me moff) that mp Lozd the King thould far, that my father, noz my felf, ever bid good. But the troubles of affairs map well breed forgetfulnels in Bings, otherwife pour Psicup might call to mind bow when the King your father lived, and you were a Baince not abobe two years old my father came from the School at Mountpelier, where he had findied fibe years the Art of Bbyfick and was expeart in all the Beinciples thereof, and le famous in those Days, that be wore Cloaths of Silk and. a Golden Girble. Dow when be was come to the Court, be found the King in great extremity of ficknets, (which was no little grief unto bim, foz be lobed the Bing moft dearly) and the King rejoyced at his fight, and would not fuffer bim to be out of bis paefence. All others might walk. whither they would, only be must eber be near him. faid pour father, Keynard, 3 am erceeding fick, and 3 feel my ficknets increafing. Dy father anfwered, Dy Lozb, bere is a Mrinal, make Mater therein, and as foon as A behold your flate I will gibe pou my opinion. The King did as he was adviced for he trufted not any equal with b.m.) Then faid my father, Wy best Lozd, if you will be ealed of your grief, you must needs eat the Liquor of a Molf of feven years old, oz elfe pour Difeafe is incurable.

Abe Molf at that time flood by your Kather, but said nothing, whereupon the King said, Sir liegrim, you hear how there is nothing which can cure me but your Liquoz. The Molf replied, Not so my Lozd, for Jam not yet sulfive years old. It is no matter (answered my Kather) let him be opened, and when I see the Liquoz. I will tell you if it be medicinable. Ahen was the Molf carried to the Kitchin, and his Liquoz taken out, which the King did eat, and was presently cured of his tickness. Ahen the King thanked my Kather, and commanded all his Subjects on pain of death, from thencesorth to call him Haster keynard. So he above still about the King, walking by his side, and was trusted in all things, and the King gave him (so an honour) a Garland of Koses, which he must ever

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wear upon his Bead. But these remembrances are all lost and gone, and his Enemies are now only advanced; Airtue is put back, and Annocence lives in sorrow; sor when Baleness and Covetousness are made Commanders, they neither know themselves nor look at the lowness from whence they are risen. They have no Hearts for pity, nor Cars for the poor Pans cause. Gold is the Gole they run to, and Gists the God which they worship. What great Hans Gate doth not look upon Covetousness? where is not Flatters entertained? and what Prince takes hate at his own praises? But should greatness need their honest service, well might they starbe ere they could gain that imployment! sor like Moldes, they had rather see their Masters die then lend them the least part of their Liquor.

This, my Lozd, was an accident which fell in your youth, and you may well fozget it: Pet (without boaffing) I my felf may say, I have done to you both Ponour and Service, and you haply also fozget this which I hall repeat, which I bow I do not to upbraid your Pajesty, for you are ever worthy of more than I can render, and my uttermost is but the rent of a Loyal Subject, which I am ever bound by the

Laws of God and Mature to perfoam.

So ir was, that on a time liegrim the Molf and I had got: ten a Swine under us, and by reason of his extream loud crying, we were compelled to bite bim to death. At which time pour felf came out of a Gobe unto us and faluted us friendly, Caping, Abat you and the Queen pour Mife wbich came after you, were both erceeding bungry and intreated us to gibe you part of our getting : liegrim then whilpered in fuch manner,that none could underffand bim: but I foake out aloud, With all my Beart my Lozd, and were it better than it is, it were too mean for pour ferbice. But Hegrim according to his wont Departed grumbling, and took balf of the Swine gibing pou and the Aucen but one poor quarter, the other be bimfelt unmannerly beboured and left me for my thare but poor balf of the Lungs. When pour Ma. jeffp had eaten pour part, you were fill bungry, but the Mols would beliber none ; fo that pou reacht bim a blow with pour foot, whith toze all the skin from about bis Cars.

cars, to that be run away crping and bowling with extremi-But pour Bajeffp commanded bim to return again fpeedilp, and bring you more Beat, but be ment away grumbling. Aben I befought pour Baiefip, that I might go with bim: and I well remember pour animer. So a: map we went together, bis Gars deoping Blood all the way as he went : in the end we took a Calf, and when pour Maieftp fam us bring it, pou laughed and faid to me, I was a fwift Buntiman, and could find my name quickly, and therefore I was fir to ferbe in time of necessity: Then you babe me to Dibide it, and I did it, and gabe one half thereof to pour Dajeffp, the other balf to the Queen : as foz the Quegets, Liber, Lungs, and gil the Inwards, I fent them to the poung Beinces pour Children: As for the Bead I gabe it to liegrim the Molf, and took unto mp felf but the feet Then faid pour Pajetty, Ab Reynard, who taught pou to make thefe courteous dibifiorts ? My Lozd (anfmered 3) that did this Brieff which fits bere with his bloody Bate : for be loft bis Skin for bis too much inequality, and for his controusnels barb reaped nothing but hame and bishonour. But it matters not, foz there be many Wolves in thefe days, that would even eat up their beft friends and Rindied: Dap, if they had power, eben pour Baielip alfo; foz they make no refpect either of friend oz Enemy. But wo to that Common-wealth where fuch babe the upper-band and gobernment.

My gracious Lozd, this and many such like Actions as this have I done for your Pajesty, which were it not for tediousness sake, I could well repeat. But they are all now cast out of your remembrance, but time and my loyalty I hope will one day again recal them. I have seen the day when no matter was sinished in the Court without my addice and censure: though now that Audgment is not so reputed, yet it may be the same Keputation may spring up again, and be believed as sirmly as before, as long as it swerves not from Justice, which is the only thing Jaim at. Hor if any one can charge me otherwise; and prove it by witness, here I stand to indure the uttermost the Law can insist upon me: But if malice only stander me without witness. I crave

the Combat according to the Law, and instance of the Courtschen faid the King, Reynard, you say well: nor know I any thing more of Kaywards death, than the bringing of his Dead unto me by Bellin the Kam; therefore of it I here acquit you. Hy dear Lord (said the For) I humbly thank you: yet is his death so grievous unto me, I cannot let it pass so easie: I remember my Heart was heavy at his departure, an I was ready to fink to the Ground, which was

a certain prefage of the lofs which bappened.

These words, and the sad looks of the for so amazed all the beholders, that they could not chuse but believe all that be urtered, so that every one bemon'd his loss, and pitied his sozrow. But the King and Aueen were most touched with the same, and then increased him that he would make diligent search for the sinding them out, for his praises had stricken them far in love with the Lewels. And because he told them, he had sent those Jewels unto them (though they never saw them) yet they gave him as great thanks, as if they had been in their safe possession, and desired him he would be a means they might be restored to them again.

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CHAP. XXII.

How Remard made his peace with the King, and how Ijegrim the Wolf complained of him again

The for understood their meaning exceeding well, and though he little meant to perfoam what they intreated,



eet be thanked the King and Aueen for the comforts they gave

gave him in his great extremities, bowing not to rest either Right or Day, but to search all the corners of the Earth till he had found what was become of those Iewels: also intreating his Wajesty, that if they should be concealed in such places where he might be withstood by force, so as neither his Prayers nor Power might attain unto them, that then his Pighnels would assist him: both because it was an occasion which concerned him nearly, as also a thing required from his office, being an act of perfect Austice, to punish those, and murther both, which were concerned in this action.

Aben the King answered bim, that so foon as it thousd be known where they were no bely or afsistance sould be want: The for gave the Bing bumble thanks, for now be bad gotten all his purpofes to the wifed end be erpected. and by his falle tale and flattery, bad to fafined the King unto bim, that now be might go freely whither be pleased, and none thould dare to complain upon bim : only lifegrim the Molf flood all this while infinitely displeased, and not able to contain his anger any longer: he faid. D mp Lord the king! is it possible your Maieffy thould be fo childifh oz weak of belief, as to fir pour truft on the falthood of this ever deceibing Warchant, which bath nothing but Shadows and Cop: mera's wherewith to inchant pou? D be not fo easily feduced, he is a Maetch all covered and beimeared with Burther and Treason, and even to your own face barb made a fcoff of pour Bajeffp. for my own part I am glad be is here in pour piefence, and I intend to ring bim fuch a Weal of contrary nature, that all the lies be can invent. Skall not bear bim away with fafety.

So it is (my dread Lord that this distembling and false Araitor, not long fince did betray my Mife most shamefully; for it happened on a Minters day, that they two trabelled together through a bery great. Mater, and he perforaded my Mife that would teach her a singular art how to catch fish with her Mail, by letting it hang Angle-wise in the Mater a good while: whereunto he said, there would so much fish instantly cleane, that half a dozen of them should

hould not be able to devour it. The filly fool my Wife (supposing all to be truth which came from him) went presently into the mire up to the Belly before the came to the



Mater; and coming into the depth of the Mater (as he directed her) the held her Lail down still in the Mater, expecting when the Kith thould cleave thereto: but the weather being tharp and frosty, she stood there so long, that her Lail was frozen hard to the Ice, so that all the sace the D 2

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bad, was not able to pull it out: but when this lufful Millain bebeld that, be prefently leapt upon ber and rabifit ber, in such beaftly and hameful manner, that no modest Car is able to bear the odiousness of the action. App poor Mite being difarmed of all refiftance, well might the fhaiek, crp, and feed upon the baine of ber own Tears, but all to no purpofe, the deed was done, and the Willain triumph: This no Impudence can make bim deny, for I came and took bim in the action: D bow much! jealoufie, griet and furp affail'd me at that instant, I was even diffracted to behold them: and creed, Reynard, Millain, what art thou Doing? but be feeing me fo near approaching, prefently leapt from ber, and ran bis wap: fo I went unto ber with much forrow and beabiness, babing a world of labour ere I could break the Ace about ber : and in bifpight of all mp cunning, pet the was compelled to leave a pice of ber Mail behind ber : and indeed we both escaped bardly with our lives. reason of the great anguish the endured, the barked so loud, the Beople of the nert Billage rofe up and came with Stabes and Bills, with flails and Wirch forks, and the Wibes with their Diffabes; and fo fiercelp affulted us, crying kill, kill, and flay, tlay, that I neber was in fo defperate a taking. One Slabe amongst the reft, which was firong and fwift of foot, burt us foze with a Dike-faff: and had not the Dight befriended us, we bad neber escaped that Dander. From bence we came into a field full of Brooms and Brambles, where we bid us from the furp of our Ene-Thus my Gracious Loed, pou babe beard bow this Eraitoz and Burtherer bath ufed us, and againft the fame we crave the right of your Law and Juffice.

But Reynard answered, and said, If this were true, I confess it would rouch me near in Ponour and Reputation: but God fozbid that such a slander should be proved against me: I confess, I taught her to catch fish, and taught her bow to enter the Mater, and never touch the Pire: but her greediness so transported her, when she heard me name the fish, that she ran without respect of any path or direction; and so coming into the Ice, she was there presently

frozen, by reason of her too long tarrying, so the had moze The Moral. By the competites: but it is commonly seen, that who all would have, wolr is shewall sozego: foz Covetousness seldom dringeth any thing ed, the end well home: yet when Isaw her so fasined in the Ice, I had one ill used all my best endeadours to loosen her, and so indeed was nother, and heaving and showing about her, but to little purpose; foz by how lash reason of her weight I was not able to move her.

contrary facti-Dow whilft this was in doing, came Ifegrim, and feeing ons should one fo bufie about ber, Churl-like be moft bilely flandered fcape punithme. like a profuse Mittal, which take s belight to be ac: ment, & that counted a Cuckold: but beliebe it, in gracious Lozd all to gain rewas falle, and bis affife birtuous foz any thing within they care not my knowledge: whence I am perfwaded, that furely bis what indigni-Eges dazelled: for indeed, be uttered many a gribeous ty they do to Curfe, and threatned much rebengment against me; fo themselves, as doch appear that moze to eschew his Blasphemy than fury, 3 went my by the Wolfs. wap; and he came, and with as great ado, as much beabe flandring of and thobe be helpt ber out; which done (then they almost his own Wife. flarbed with cold) ran and skipt up and down the fields to By the rifing get them heat; and that this is all truth which I have [po up against the ken, 3 willingly be' depoled; foz 3 would not be the fa wolf and his ther of any falmood befoze your majefty, to be mafter of ma: Wife, is shewny Williams: however my fortunes go, Irefpect not, Truth ed, that one is my Badg, and bath eber been the Enfign of all my An- mitchief felceffors : and if there be any fcruple or doubt of mine affer to all folks, tion: 3 ask but eight days liberty, that 3 may confer with bur another my Learned Council, and 3 will fo approbe all my Mozds, fill follows it by Dath and Teftimony of good and fufficient Witness, that By the Fox's your Majeffy, and your honourable Council hall accord to excuse, is the juffnels of mp Pootestation. As for the Wolf, what shewed, how babe I to do with him? It is well known already, that he is policy hath ea debaucht and almost netorious Millain; faile both to Beaven ver an evasion or a cloak for and your Majeffy, and now his own Mozes witness him a any evil it bale flanderer of Momen: therefoze grefez my felf to the tryal doch, and can of his Wife if the acouse me, let the Mozio boid me guilty, colour every provided the may be made free from ber Busband, whole ty thing with a ranny pretence of

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be prefently with me: which Ino Cooner did, but (being brings any much beabier than the felf) I fell presently to the bottom thing home los and of the Well, and thou camen up to the top: at which, when danger; and I feemed to be angry, thou faidft, Aunt, this is but the that policy fathion of the Mozid, ever as one comes up another muft go cares not who down, and fo faid, you leapt out of the Bucket, and ran pines, fo he pour way, leaving me there all alone, where I remained a seppears by whole day, pined wirh hunger, and flarbed with cold; and the Fox's ere I could get out from thence, receiving fo many blows, tempting her that my life was never in greater danger. The for replied, into the Buc-Aunt, though the ftrokes were painful unto you, get I bad entring into rather you hould have them than mp felf, for you are firons the the-Apes ger and better able to bear them : and at that time of ne. Cave is thewcelsity one of us could not elcape them: bendes Aunt, 3 ed the difference betwirt tauabt pou Misdom and Experience, that you should not temperance & truft either friend og foe, when the matter be per [wades to, raihnes, and is the aboiding of his own Beril: for Pature teacheth us how far good to love our own Meifare, and he which doth otherwife, is words will crowned with nothing but the title of folly.

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Then laid Dame Arlewind to the King I beleech pour haviour Bajeffp, mark bow this diffembler can blow with all Minds, and paint his mischief with falle Colours: a world of times bath be brought me into thefe bagards. Once be betrai'd me to my Aunt the She Ape, where ere Jescaped, I was fain to leave one of my Cars bebind me : if the for dare tell the truth of the Storp (for I know his memory to be much better: beades, he is apt to catch advantage from the weaknels of Language) I defire no better Ebidence a: Then faid the for, Millingly I will do it, and without flattery or falmood, and therefore I befeech pour Bajeffp to lend me pour Ropal Brefence.

Apon a certain time the Molf here came to me into the Mood, and complained unto me, that he was ercreding bungey, (pet never faw bim fuller in my life) but he would ever diffemble: at which, prefently I took pity of him, and faid, I was also as bungry as be: so away we went and trabelled half a day together without finding any thing; then

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then began he to whine and cry, and said, he was able to go no further. Aben hard by the foot of a Pathoznitree, we espied a hole all covered over with Brambles, and heard a great rushing therein, but could not imagine the cause why: then I desired the Molf to go in, and look if any thing was there to prositus, (for something I knew there was) then said he, Cousion, I would not creep into the hole for a hundred pounds till I know certainly what is therein, for there may be danger: but if you please to attempt it, who I know hath both Art and Wit to save your felf, I will say here under this Aree till you return; but I beseech you to make hase, and let me know what is therein, as soon as you perceive it.

Behold mp dread Lord the King, thus be made me, peor filly Beaft, to go before into the basard, and be who is great, firong and and mighty, did abide without in peace, wherein Jerpreft no little friendip, foz I would not en-Dure the like danger for a Ringdom : but to proceed, 3 entred into the bole, and found the way bark, long, and tedious : in the end I espied a great light, which came in on the other fibe of the bole, by which, I faw there lying a great the Ape, with Epes glimmering and fparkling with fire, ber Bouth fer round with long farp Heeth, and on ber Bands, Dailes tharp as an Elfin, og Bodkin. Iimagined ber at firft a Marmasin, oz Baboon, oz elle a Mercat, for a more dreadful Beaft Ineber bebeld in all mp life time, and by ber fibe lay divers of ber Children. which like ber felf were cruel and ftern of Countenance: when they faw me come towards them, they gaved wide with their Bourbs upon me, fo that I grew amaged, and wich't mp felf far from their barbour. But refolbing with my felf, that now I was in, I muft quit mp felf as well as I could, I looked moze constantly upon ber, and methought the appeared bigger then liergim the Molf, and the least of ber Beats much larger then mp felf (for a fouler company I never law) they were all laid in foul Litter, rotten and Dirty with their own Wifs. they were all baubed and clogged with their own dung, which flunk

so filthily, that I was almost poyloned with the fmell, for my own part , I durft not but fpeak them fair , and therefoze I faid, Aunt, God gibe you many good daps. and blefs you and my Coufins, your pretty Children: questionless they are the fairest of their ages that ever ? bebeld; and fo furpals in beauty and perfection, that they map well be accounted of most paincely Iffue. Aruly Aunt. we are infinitely beholding to you that doth add this increate and glozy to your family. Foz mine own part (dear Aunt) when I heard you were laid down and delibered, Acould not stay, but needs must come and bisit Then replied the, Coufin Reynard, pou are erceed: ing welcome : pou babe found me like a flut, but I thank peu for pour kind bifitation: pou are a worthy Gentleman, and (thosow the Bings Dominions) for your wit and indaement, beld of fingular reputation; pou do much bonour to our kindged, and are famous for the means pou work to their preferment: I must intreat you to take the charge of my Children , and infruct them in the rules of knowledge and science, that they may know bereafter bow to live in the Mozlo. I have thought of you ever fince they were boan, and refolbed upon this, Coufin, becaufe & knew your perfection, and that you accompanied your felf with the good and birtuous.

D bow glad was I when I heard those words to proceed from ber! which kindness was only because at first I called ber Aunt, who inderd was no foul kin unto me: foz mp true Aunt indeed is only Dame Rukenaw, which flandeth ponder: who indeed is mother of ercellent Childzen. notwithffanding I answered this foul Bonfter : Aunt , mp life and goods are both at pour Service, and what I can do for you night or day, thall ever be at your Commandment, aud pour Childzens. Det 3 moft heartilp witht my felf far from them at that instant, fog 3 was almost porfoned with their flink. And I pitied liegrim, who was foze griebed with bunger all this while: and offering to take my leave, feigning that my wife would think it long till my return, She faid, Dear Coufin, pou thall not Depart till pou habe eaten something, I hall take it uns kindlp

kindly if you offer it: then role the up: and carried me into an inner koom, where was great floze of all kind of Menison: both the Red Deer, Fallow-Deer, and Roes, and great floze of Partridge, Pheasant, and other Fowls, that I amazed much from whence such floze of meat flould come. Pow when I had eaten sufficiently, the gave me a side, and half a haunch of an Pinde to carry home to my Mise, which I was ashamed to take, but that the compelled me: and so taking my leave, and being intreated of ten to visit her, I did depart from thence, much joyed that

I had sped so well.

Pow being come out of the Caufey. I fpied whereas Ifegrim lav groaning pitifully; and I asked bim bow be faired? De faid wondzous ill, and fo ertreamly ill, that (Dear 12ephew) without some meat, I die prefently: then bid I take compassion on bim, and gave bim mp Mifes token, which preferbed his life; and for which then be gabe me a world of thanks, though now be hate me ereteamly. But as foon as he had deboured up my Menison, be faid, Reynard, my Dear Coufin, what found you in the bole? beliebe it 3 am now moze hungry than I was befoze; and this finall mogfel bath but harpned mp teeth to eat moge. Aben faid I to bim, Uncle get pou into the bole, and pou hall find floze of Mittuals, foz their lieth my Aunt with ber Childzen: if you can flatter and fpeak ber fair, you need fear no hard measure, all things will be as you would wift it.

I think (my gracious Lo2d) this was warning sufacient, and that which might have armed any wife spirit; but rude and barbarous Beasts will never understand wisdom. And therefoze they loath the policies they know not. But yet be promised to follow my counsel: so forth he went into that foul sinking hole, and found the Ape in that silthy sort als before I described, which when he saw (being affrighted he cried out, Mo and alas, I think I am come into hell: did ever creature see such fearful goblings? drown them for shame drown them, they are so ugly, they are able to scare the Devil; why, they make my hair stand an end with their horrid desognity. Then (said she)

Dir legrim, their Creation is not mp fault let it fuffice they are my Childzen, and 3 am their Wother. Doz ought their beauty or bard fabour to difpleafe you : bere was a kiniman of theirs too day, and is but newly departed, who is well known to exceed you both in birth, birtue and wildom, and be accounted them fair and lobely; for pour opinion I care not: therefoze you may depart at your Aben be replied, Dame, I would babe pou know, that I would eat of your meat, it is much better beflowed on me, than on those ualp Arching. But the told bim, the had no meat : Dea (faid be) bere is meat enough; and with that, offering to reach at the meat, mp Aunt farted up with ber Childzen, and ran at bim with their tharp nails, and fo clawed bim, that the blood ran about his ears, and I beard him cap and bowl fo extream: lp, that it appeared be had no defence but to run out of the hole as fast as he could. for indeed, he came out both ertreamly beaten, and extreamly bitten, and all bis skin flacht like a Spanish Jerkin: and one ear left behind, as a pawn of his manners.

This when I faw, I asked him if he had flattered sufficiently; and he said, he had spoken as he sound; for the Dame was a soul Bitch, and the Litter most ugly Ponsers. Ahen I told him, how he should have commended their beauties, and took them sor the best of his alliance. And he replied, he had rather have seen them all hang'd. Then (quoth I) you must always receive such reward as now you do, but wisdom would do otherwise; a lie sometimes as much availeth, as a true tale: and fair words never come out of season; and better than we, hold it sor

a rule woathp of Imitation.

Thus my Lo2d, I have told you truly how he came by his red Right-cap, which I know he cannot, noz dare to

deny, for all is true, without any addition.

CHAP. XXIII.

How Ifegrim profferr'd his Glove to Reynard to fight with him, which Reynard accepted: and how Rukenaw advised the Fox to carry himself in the Fight.

" ID C Molf answered the for, 3 map well fozbear (false Millain, as thou art) the mocks and fcoans, but thine injuries I will not. Pou fap, I was almost dead foz bunger, when pou belpt me in mp ned: but thou lieft falle: lp therein, foz it was nothing but a bare bone thou gabeft me, when thou habst gnawed all the meat thereof: and therefore know, in this thou injurest my reputation; again, thou accusest me of Treason against the Bing, and to con-Spire bis Majeffies beath, foz certain Areafure thou faveft is in Hufterloe: alfo thou haft abufed and flandered mp Wife, which will ever be an infamy to ber name, if it be not rebenged : thefe things confidered . I babe forboan you long, therefoze now look not to efcape, wherefoze feeing there is no other teffimony but our own Confciences : befoze poump Lozd the King, and the reft of mp Doble Lozds, friends and alliances, bere 3 will affirm and approbe to the laft doop of my Blood, that thou Reynard the for, art a falle graitoz and a Burtherer, and this I will approbe and make good upon the body within the Lifts of the field, body against body, by which means our frife thall have an end; and in witness whereof, I cast the here my Blobe, which I dare thee to take up, that I map have right foz my injuries , og elfe bpe like a Becreant.

Reynard was something perpleted when he saw this, for he knew himself much tw weak for the Molf, and feared o come by the work: but straight remembring the advanage he had, by reason the Molfs fore-claws were pulled way, and that they were not yet fully cured. Muhatsoever he be that saith I am a Araitor or a Hurtherer, Isay, he lieth in his Ahroat, especially liegrim above all others: poor fool, thou bringest me to the place I desire, and to the purpose with sor, in sign whereof I take up the gage,



and throw down mine, to prove all the words less and falhoods.

This said, the King received their pledges, and admitted the Battle, commanding them to put in their surety, that the next mozrow they hould try the Combat: then slept footh the Bear, and the Cat, and were sureties for the Molf: and for the For were sureties Grimbard the Brock, and Betelas. When all Ceremonies were finished, the speaked per took Reynard aside, and said, Rephew, I befreeh you take



ehallenging the Fox, is shewed the madness of rage and fury, to it may do mischief to The Fox's it, thews how out-face any

The Moral. take care of pour felf in this Battle, be bold and wife, pour By the Wolfs Ancle taught me once a Baaper of fingular birtue fog bim the combar of which was to fight: and he learned it of that ercellent Scholar and Clark, the Abbot of Budelo, and be that faith this Bager with a good Debotion fafting, thall neber be obercome in Combat: and therefore mp best Depbew be and how neg- not affraid, for to morrow I will read it over to you, and ligent it is in the Belf thall neber prebail againft you. The for gabe respecting its ber many thanks for her favours, and told ber bis quarrel own hazard, was good and boneff, and therefoze he had no boubt of his happp fuccels: fo all that Dight be tarried with his kins the adversary, folks about bim, who dathe away the time with pleasant Discourfe. But Dame Rukenaw bis Aunt fill beat ber accepting of beain bow to work bim advantage in the Combat; where when policy fore the caused all his bair to be thaved off even from bis hath no other head to the tail, and then the anointed all his body quite thitting hole, over with opl Dlive, to that the made it to smooth and chat then it Rippery, that the Molf could catch no hold of him: degrows desperate, and will Ades be was round, fat, and plump of body, which much abailed th

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availed to his advantage: then the advised him that night thing, to the to Daink exceeding much; that be might be moze apt to pils uttermoft in the morning, but in no wife to thed any till be came into danger. the field: then (faid the) when you are in the fight, and fee By the fietime fitting, pils upon your buth tail, and firike it in the Apes counted, the Molts face, and as near as you can into his eyes, by care of a true which means blinding his fight, be thall be little able friend, which to offend you: but at thefe special times keep your tail as is then ever close as can be between your legs, lest he catch hold there- mest busic., when he sees on, and pull you to the ground: also look carefully to your his commanion felf at the first, and by all means thun his blows, make in danier. ing him to toil and run after you, especially there where and leaves no most dust is, and spaing it up with your feet, make it slie way unsought in bis eyes, take your advantage, and fmite and bite bim him from where you may do him most mitchief, eber and anon frike moubic. ing him on the face with your tail full of pils, and that will take from bim both fight and underftanding : befides, it will so tire and weary bim, that his feet not being fully cured of their burt, by the loss of his thoo's, which pour caused to be pulled off, be will not be able to pursue pou : for though he be great, pet his heart is little and weak. This (Dephew) is mine addice, and affure pour felt in these cases, Art prevaileth as much as courage; therefore regard your felf well, that not only your felf, but your whole family may gain bonour and reputation from your fortune: as for the charm of Braver which your Uncle Martin taught me, by which you may be invincible, it is this which followeth. Then laying her hand upon his bead, the faid, Blaerd, Shay, Alphenio, Rasbue, Gorions, Arsbuntro. Row Rephem, affure pour felt pou are free : frem all mifchief oz danger whatfoever, therefoze go to your reft, for it is near day, and some fleep will make the Body better difpofed.

The for gabe ber infinite thanks, and told ber the bad bound bim (to ber) a ferbant foz eber : and in those bolp words the bad spoken, be bad placed bis confidence unremovable; and to be laid bim down to reft under a Tree in the grafe, till it was Sun rife: at what time the Diter

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came ento him and awaked him, and gave him a fat young Duck to eat, saying, Dear Cousin I have toiled all this night to get this present for you, which I took from a Fowler, here take and eat it, and it shall give you vigour and courage. The for gave him many thanks, and said, it was fortunate hansel, and if he survived that day, he



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hould find be would require it: so the For eat the Duck without bread or sawce, more than his hunger, and to it be drank four great draughts of water, and then he went to the place appointed, where the lifts flood, with all his kindred attending on him.

When the King beheld Reynard thus thosn and opled, he faid to him: Well for, I fee you are caseful to your own



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fafety: you respect not booty, so you escape danger. The for answered not a word, but bowing himself down humbly to the Earth, both before the King and the Ausens Pajesties, went forth into the Field, and at the same time the Wolf was also ready, and stood boassing, and giving out many proud and bain glorious speeches. The Parthals and Rulers of the Lists, were the Libbard, and the Loss. These brought forth a Book, on which the Wolf swore, and maintained his assertion. That the For was a Kraytor, and a murtherer, which he would prove on his body, or else be counted a Recreant. Then Reynard took the Book, and swore, he lied as a false Kraytor and a Thief, which he would prove on his body, or be accounted a Recreant.

When these Ceremonies were done, the Warmais of the field had them to their deboir. And then every creature aboided the Liffs , fabe Dame Rukenaw , who frood by the for, and bade him remember the words and infiruati ons the had given him, and call to mind, bow when be was scarce seben years old, be bad then wisdom enough to pile the barkeft night without Lanthoan og Candle-light, or the help of the Moon, when any occasion required him: and that his experience was much greater, and his reputation of wildom moze frequent with his companions: and therefore to work so as be might win the day, which would be an eternal Monument to him and bis family for ever. To this the for answered (mp best Aunt) affure pour felf I will do my beft , and not forget a tittle of your Counfel; I doubt not but mp friends thall reap bonour, and my foes thame by my actions; to this the Ape faid, Amen; and fo beparteb.

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CHAP. XIV.

Of the Combat betwixt the Fox and the Wolf; the Event, Passages, and Victory.



Ben none but the Combatants were in the Lifts, the Molf went toward the for with infinite rage and furp, and thinking to take the for in his foze-feet, the for leapt nimbly from bim, and the Molf purfued bim; to that there began a tedious chafe between them, on which their friends gaged. The Molftaking larger firides than the for, often overtok bim; and lifting up bis feet to frike him, the for avoided the blow, and smote him on the face with his rail, which was all so be-pift, that the Molf was firicken almost blind, the pils smarted fo er: treamly. And he was forced to reft while be cleared his e pes : which advantage when Reynard fat, be fcratched no the dust with his feet, and threw it in the eyes of the Wolk.

This griebed bim woafe than the former; fo that be burn follow bim no longer , for the duft and fand flicking in big epes, fmarted fo foze, that of fozce be muft rub and wath it away ; which Reynard fring , with all the fury be bad, he ran upon bim, and with bis teeth gabe bim them foze wounds on bis head, and fcoffing faid, habe I bit you Br. Molf? I will pet hit pou better : pou habe killed many a Lamb, and many an innocent Beaft, and would impofe the fault upon me, but pou hall find the paice of pour Kna. very . I am markt to punish thy fins, and I will gibe thee the absolution beavely. It is good thou use patience for Bell is Burgatory, and thy life is at my mercy: Det norwithfianding, if thou wilt kneel down, and ask me forgiveness, and confess the self banquifted, though thou beeft the worft thing living, pet I will spare the life, for my pity makes me loath to kill thee. There woods made liegrim both mad and desperate, so that be knew not bow to erprefs bis fury: bis wounds bled, bis eyes fmarted, and his whole body was oppzeffed. So that in the beight of his furp be lift up his fot, and ftruck the for fo great a blow, rhat be fell'd bim to the ground. But Reynard being nimble, quickly role up again, and encounted the Molf, that between them begun a dzeadful and donbtful The Wolf was erceding farious, and ten Combat. times be leaped to catch Reynard faft, but bis skin was to flipperp and oply, be could not bold him. Ray, to wonde: rous nimble was be in the fight, that when the Molf thought to habe bim fureft , be would fift bimfelf between bis legs. and under his belly, and every time gabe the Molf a bite with his teth . oz a swap on the face with his tail, that the poor anolf found nothing but despair in the conflict. albeit his ffrength was much the greater.

Thus many wounds and biteings passed on either side; the one expressing cunning, and the other strength; the one sury, the other temperance. In the end, the Molf being inraged that the battle had continued so long (for had his feet been sound, it had been much shorter) he said to himself, I will make an end of this Combat; for I know my bery weight is able to crush him to pieces, and I

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lose much of my reputation to suffer him thus long to contend against me. And this said, he struck the for a-



gain so soze a blow on the head with his foot, that he fell down to the ground, and ere he could recover himself, and arise

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The Moral. arife, the caught him in his feet, and theew him under bim. by the Wolfs lying upon him in such wife, as if he would have peeft him furious affail ing the Fox, to death.

Dow began the for to be griebouffp afraid, and all bis his watching friends began to thout for jop : but the for Defended bim: and partiting felf (as well as be could) with his claws, lying along; but of advantage; the Molf could not burt him with his claws, his feet were folly of rage to foze; only with his teeth be fnatched at bin to bite and passion, him; which when the for faw, be smote the allolf on the and the dif bead with his foze-claws, fothat be toze the skin berween his brows, and his ears, and one of his eyes bung out of his and Wildom : bead, which put the Molf to infinite togment, and be bowl. the first never ed out extreamly; then liegrim wiping his face, the for tok bringing any advantage thereof, and with his ftrugling gor upon his feet,

At which the Wolf was angry, and firiking after bim. common'v ac caught the for in his arms, and beld bim fall : never was Reynard in so great a firait as then, for that time great with honour was their contention : but anger now made the Molf fogand fafery. By get his smart : and griping the For altogether under him, is expect the as Reynard was befending himfelf, his hand light into letharp aficti- grim's mouth, fo that be was in banger to lofe it. faid the Molf to the for, now either peild the felf as banwaten wildom quithed, oz elle certainly I will kill thee; neither thy duff, ever punithes rathets; and thy pifs, thy mocks, not any fubtil invention thall now by the less of fave thee; thou art now left utterly desperate, and my wounds muft babe their fatisfaction. When the for heard eye, is thewed, this, be thought it was a hard Clection; for both brought that madness this, be thought it was a hard Clection; for both brought and rate ise- bis ruin; and fuddenly concluding, be faid, Dear Uncle vermere but fince foatune commands me, 3 pielo to be your Serbant; at your Commandment I will travel for you to the Boly The Wolfs Land, or any other Wilgrimage, or do any fervice which catching tie mail be beneficial to your foul, or the foul of your forts Fex and hold fathers: I will do fee the Ring or for our Boly father the power, thems Pope: I will hold of you my Lands and Revenues; and that fortune as I, fo hall the reft of mp kindged; fo that you hall be a fometimes fe- Lozd of many Lozds; and none thall dare to move againft pou: Befides, whatfoeber I get of Bulling, Geefe, Wartridges, oz Plober, fleft oz fift, pau, pour wife and chilenace to enjoy deen. Gall have the first choice ere any come in my belly; I mill

will eber fand by pour fide, and wherefoeber pou go, no the benefits. banger fall come near pou: pou are firong, and I am fub. The Fox his til, we two joyned together, what force can prevail against flattering of the Wolf, us? Again, we are so near in blood, that nature forbids shews, That there hould be any enmity between us : I would not have whenfoever fought against you, had I been fure of bidozp, but that you wildom is cpfirst appealed, and then you know of necessity I must bo prefied, chaca my uttermost; I have also in this battle been courteous temperate to you, and not the wed my work biolence, as I would on a means or other ftranger ; for I know it is the duty of a Rephew to spare to gain his his Ancle: and this you may well perceibe by my run- and that fair ning from you. I tell you, it was an action much contrary words do ever to my nature; for 3 might babe often burt pout when Beicher vanrefused, noz are you woase for me by any thing more than quit, or athe blemith of your eye, for which Jam forry, and with it fromth. Laftbad not bappened: pet thereby know, that you thall reap weak foxes rather benefit than lofs thereby, for when other Beafts, in conquering their fleep that two windows, you hall that but one. As the frong for my wife, children, and lineage, they thall fall down at Woif, is thewpour feet, befoge pou in mp prefence : therefore I bumbly be die acifire you, that you will fuffer poor Reynard to live. I know you dents of willkill me but what will that avail you, when you hall never change, neilibe in fafety foz fear of rebengement of my kindged? A bere ther force , rage, nor viofore temperance in any mans weath is excellent, whereas lence, do preraffnels is eber the Wother of repentance ; but ancle, I know val to much you to be baliant, wife, and descreet, and you rather feek bo: as widem, diferetion . nour, peace, and good fane, than blod and rebenge.

llegrim the Molf said, Infinite dissembler how sain woulds and converted by thou be freed of my servictude? As well I understand thee, by carriage and know that if thou wert safe on thy feet, thou wouldst soze sweath fubmisson: but know, all the wealth in the world shall not buy out thy ransom; so thee and thy friends I esteem them not, not believe any third thou has uttered: to well I know thee, and am no bird so thy Limebush, chast cannot deceive me: D how wouldst thou triumph, if I should believe thee, and say, I wanted wit to understand thee; but thou shall know, I can look both on this side, and beyond thee; thy many deceits used upon me, have now armed me against thee. Thou said, thou has spaced me in

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the battle: but look upon me, and my wounds will thet how fally thou lieft, thou never gat if me a time to breathe in nor will I now give thee a minute to repent in; and the rather, when I think of the dishonour thou didft to my bed, and how inhumanly thou did it rough my dear wife Dame Arlewing.

Row, whilf legrim was thus talking, the for bethought himself how be might best get free; and thausting his other hand down between his legs, he caught the Moiffast by the stones, and he waying him so extreamly and hard thereby, that he made him shatek and how lout with the anguish: then the for daew his other hand out of his mouth; for the Molf was in such wondrous townent, that he had much ado to contain himself from swounding: for his townent exceeded far the pain of his eye, and in the end he fell over and over in a swound: then presently Reynard leapt upon, and drew him about the Lists; and drag'd him by the Legs, and struck, wounded, and bit him in many places, so that all the whole sield might take notice thereof.

At this all liegrim's friends were full of forrow, and with great weeping and lamenting went to the King, and proped him to be pleased to appeare the Combat, and take it into his own hands: which suit the King granted, and then the Lybard and the Losse (being Parhals) entered the Lists, and told the For and the Molf that the King would speak with them, and that the battle thould there end, for he would take it into his own hands, and determine thereof: as for themselves, they had done sufficiently, neither would the King lose either of them: and to the For they said, the

whole field gave him the victory.

The For said, I humbly thank them, and what pleaseth my Lozd the King to command, I am ready to obey; for mine ambition is no further than to be victor: Therefore I beseech you let my friends come to attend me, that I may proceed by their advice. A hey answered, it was reason: so presently came forth Dame Slopard, and Grimbard her husband, Dame Rukenaw with her two Sisters, Buelas and Fulrumpher two Sons, and Malice her Daughter, the Kield: Moute, the Measel, and above an hundred which would not have come if the For had lost the sonquest: for to him that

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path honour, will ever flock attendants; but to him that is in loss, will nothing but contempt follow. Alas, to the For came the Bever, the Diter, and both their wives Pauntecrore, and Ordigale, and the Offrole, the Martin, and the Fitchews, the Ferrit, the Squirril, and a world more than I can name, and all because he was the victor: nap, divers which before had complained of him, were now of nearest kindred and ready to do him all service. This is the faction of the world, he that is rich and in favour, can never be poor or hungry for friendship, every one will seem to love him, every one will imitate his falshoods.



Then was a solemn feast held, Arumpets were sounded, Coanets winding Shawms, and all instruments warbled, and every one cried, Pasised be Peaven sok this glozious conquest. Reynard thanked them all kindly, and received them with great joy and gladness: Ahen asked their opinions, whether he should yield the bicoay to the King or

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no: and Dame Solpard said, yea by all means Cousin, so, it stands with your Ponour, not may you deny it. And so the Parchals going before, they went all to the King, guarding the Kor on every side, all the Arumpets, Pipes and Minstrils sounding before him.



and the King made him stand up, and said to him, Rev-

nard, you may well recipce, for you have won much honour this day; therefore here I discharge you, and set you
free, to go whither your own will leads you; for all contestations I take upon my self, and will have it discuss by
the wisest of the Kingdom, as soon as liegrim's wounds shall
be cured, at what time I will send for you, and so proceed

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My worthy dread Lord (fair the Kor) I am well appaid with any thing that thall please you: yet when I came first to your Pighness Court, there were many malicious persons which sought my Life (whom I never injured) but they thought to obsercome me, by joyning with mine enemies against me, and thinking the Most had greater favour than I with your Paiesty: this was the ground of their indignation, wherein they hewed their simplicity, not to alter the end which followed.

There men (my Load) are like a great kennel of Bounds which once I faw franding at a Lords boufe on a dunghil , where thep waited for fuch as thould bring them meat; anon they faw a Bound come out of the Bitthen, which had thence brought a goodly rib of Beef: but the Cook purluing bim, theew bot fcalbing water after bim, an ofcalded all bis binder parts: but notwithftanding, away bewent with his bory; but when his fellows perceibed bim, they called to bim, and faid. D boto much art thou bound to the good Cook which hath giben the that goodly bone fo well furnifed with fieth; but the Dog replied, you fpeak according to your knowledge; and praife me in fuch foat, as you fee me befoge with the bone in mp mouth; but if you please to look upon me behind on mp Buttocks, pou hall find bow dearly I paid for it; and they beholding bow be was scalded, and all the bair and skin flaved from bis binder loins, they began to be agaft and amazed at his toament; neither would thep babe any moze of his fellowship, but fled and ran away from bim. In the fame fort ('mp Lozd) thefe falie and unworthp Beafts, when they are made Loads, poffefs their Defires and are mighty and renowned, then do they ertozt, pill

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and poll the poor and needy, and eat them up like so many hunger flarved Hounds; for they are the Dogs with bones in their mouths, no man dare to meddle with them, but praise all their actions; no man dare to offend them; nay, many affif and help them in their unlawful actions, only that they may lick their fingers, and be partakers of their

ertoztions.

D (my daer Load) how can those men go safely, which go thus blind-fold? Dahow can they expect but a shameful fall, whose steps are so uncertain? neither can any man pity them when their works are disclosed, but continual curses and upbraidings follow them to the grave with destruction: many of these have lost their hair (which is their friends) as the Pounds bid, and have none left to cover their mischiefs, but all forsake them as the Pounds bid the Dog

which was scalded.

Dy Gracious Loed, Thefeech pouremember this mozal example, and it will nothing impair the greatness of your birtue, for boubtlefs many of thefe ebil ertorting creatures are under pour fubjection, both in Mowns, Cities; and great Lozds houses, who out face the poor, and fell away their freedoms and pribiledges, and threaten things upon them which they never knew, thought or imagined, and all to make up the Common-wealths of their own particular profits : but the ends of fuch are bile, and beaben bath for them a Audgement: but of these errors I hope none thall juffly accuse me, noz any of my kindzed, but we thall acquit our felves nobly from the fame. I fear no creatures accufations; for I will ever be the for, though all mp foes. imear to the contrary. My Lozd, you I adoze abobe all moztal creatures living; noz can any wildom divert me from pou, but 3 will abide by you to the last gasp : and though Malice babe told pour Bighnels to the contrary, pet Thate ever disproved them, and so will do to the last moment.

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How the King forgave the Fox all things, and made him the greatest in his Land; and of his Noble return home with all his kindred.

The King faid, Reynard, you are one that owe me bomage and fealty, and I hope I thall ever enjoy it; And



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for your ferbice, bere I make you one of the Lords of me Writy Council. Rabe beed vou do not any thing unwoathis ly: for bere I place pour in all pour power and authority as foanierly peu biere, boping pou will administer Buttice equally and truely. Hoz as long as you employ your wir unto birtuous actions, fo long the Court cannot mils pou: foz you are a Star, whole lufter erceeds all other, efpecially in finding out milchiefs, and prebenting them. remember the Mozal pour pour felf told me, and be a lober of truth and equity. From bencefoath I will be goberned by your wifdom, and there mall not breathe that Creature in my Bingdom which thall be pou injury, but & will bigble rebenge it. This pou hall Paoclaim thaough all the Da tion, and be the chiefeft Bobernour in the fame, foz the Diffice of Bigb Bapliff bere I freely bestow upon you, and I know you may reap great bonout thereby.

All Reynard's friends and kindzed humbly thanked the King; but he told them it was much thost of that he intended to do for their takes; and advised them all to admost him to be careful of his faith and loyalty. Then tame Rukenaw, Believe it my Lozd, we will not fail in Lat point, neither fear you the contrary; for thould be probe otherwise, we would renounce him? Then the For also thanked the King with fair and courteous words, faring: Wy gracious Lozd! A am not worthy of these high honours you do me, yet will ever study with my service how to deserve them: nor thall my best Counsel at any time be wanting. And this said, he took his humble leave of the King, and so departed with the rest of his friends and kindzed.

Row whilk these passages hapned, Bruin the Bear, Tibert the Cat, and Arlwind and her Children, with the rest of their Lineage, drew the Molf out of the Field, and laid him upon soft Litter, and Hay, and covered him all over very warm, and dressed his wounds, which were to the number of sive and twenty, by the help of many skilful Leeches and Surgions. His sickness and weakness was so great, that his feeling was lost: but they rubbed and chased him



The Moral. By these honours done to the Fox by the Lyon, is thewed, that feldom one good ferrune cometh without another; and he that hath once atchieved fame and renown, to him will the World flie, and dignity cu dignity thall be heaped upen him : as en the contrary part, he that is once fallen cither in flare or reputation. it is a thing of much difficulrv to fee him advanced without miracle; for worldly men are faid to be like Dogs, which when one of their own kind is down, all the rest will fa'l upon him and werry him. But wife men

on the temples, and under the eyes, till he leapt out of or good men his swound, and howled so loud, that all were amazed force) are which heard him: but the Physicians gate him Cordials sid to be like to drink, and a Dormiture or potion to make him steep. How, which and then comforted his Wife, telling her there was no when one of

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their kind is danger og peril of his life. So the Court brake up, and down, all the every Beaft return'd to his own home.
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fently affift Amongst the rest, Reynard the For took his leave ofthe and help him. Bing and Aueen; they desired him not to be long absent

For any thing elfe contained in this Chapter, it is either Moralized by the fpeeches of the Fox, or elfe by the Author.



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from them. To whom he answered, that he would be ever ready at their service, as was his bounden duty; and not himselfalone, but all his friends and kindzed also. And then begging licence of his Pajesty in all folemn manner, and

with fair fpeech , be departed the Court.

Mas there any Creature flattered bzaber, oz to better purpole? foz he that could bo the like, might be a Paker of the Eight liberal Sciences: And no Lozd whether Spiritual oz Tempozal, but would have an ear open foz all his Language. Poz died he without iffue, foz he hath Childzen almost in all places.

And indeed, he that hath no alliance to him in the Art of distinulation, hall hardly prosper, as the Morld goeth: Though he want his hair, pet if he have his heart, it is e-

neugh to make him accepted.

Plain dealing is now an Exile: and Covetousness and fraud have taken possession of his Tenements; the Pope's Palace, the Courts of Emperozs, Kings and Princes, can-

not be exempted from this erroz.

Doney is now grown the only favourite of the time; the very Church Iool, and the Country Mozhip: it can purchate all things, befond all things, and confound all things. And Madmen Cravel over the Mozlo, to gain this folly, this fathion. The is not a true for, is but a beaft of bate estimation.

This is the Mozlos custom; and what will become of the use, the wise man can hardly judg or imagine: Only that these hanious sins of salthood, Abest, Hurther, and Ambition, can never walk but hand in hand with Judgment. From which I heartily pray that the Hand of the Highest will defend us, and make us walk in those paths which had be suitable to birtue and piety. With which I conclude, since these misseeds are not sit Aheames sor me to treat of, since at the last day every one is sure to give an account for his own burthen.

Ith Reynard, all his friends and Binsfolk; to the number of forty, took their leaves also of the Ring: and went away with the For, who was, no little glad creature.

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ture that he had sped well and flood so fair in the Rings fa. wour, for now he had power enough to advance whom he pleased, and pull down any that envied his fortune.

After fome travel the for and all bis friends came to bis



Brzough oz Caffie of Malepardus, where every one (in noble and courteous manner) took leave of the other, and Reynard

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and to every one of them great reverence, and thanked them for the love and honour be had received of them; proteffing ever moze to remain their faithful ferbant, and to ferbe them in all things wherein his life or goods might be ferbiceable

unto them : and thook bands and departed.

The for went into Dame Ermelin bis Mife. who melcomed bim with great tendernels : and to ber and ber children he related at large, all the wonders which had befallen bim at the Court: and mift no tittle og circumflance therein. Then grew they proud that his fortune was fo ercellent: and the for foent his days from thenceforth (with his delife and Children) in great joy and content.

Dow whofoever hall relate unto you (of the for) more 02 lefs than you have beard, I would not wifh you to build any faith upon bis reports: Dnly this which you babe already beard oz read , pou may beliebe at pour beft pleafure : Dotwithfanding if any refule, be thall not be accounted an Beretick, fince be that only fawit, map beft gibe credit unto it, and pet many in this amould beliebe the things thep babe not feen.

Befides, there are many Plays, both Comick and Mozal. which figure out things that never were, only to make use and benefit of the example: That men may thereby the better bun Mice, and purfue Mirtue. In like manner, this Book, though it contain but matter of jeft and sport, pet if pe look ferioutly thereinto, pe may haply find much Mozal matter and wifdom, woath pour confideration. Boobnefs. noz any Good man tall ve find in it difreputed, foz all things are generally fpoke, and thery man may take his own part as bis conscience thall so instruct bim: if any man find bimself to muchioppreffed , let bim wake it off with amendment. If any man be clear , let bim bold on bis path , and aboid ftumbling : And if any take Diffaft oz offence, let bim not blame me. but the for, foz it is only bis Language. But if all things fuit to my wifed imaginations, 3 thall then be encouraged to falute the acoald with a fecond part, clad in fome neuter Englich, beper matter, and if not meze, pet every whit as pleafant Mozals.



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Mogreto bery inward and familiar with the Bing bimfelf. informed as none could be admirted to any primes conference with the Watelly, unless be first made way the the favour of the work keyward.

This did not a little difturb Sir Megrim the Wolf, Dir Bruin the Bear. Dir Tibert the Cat, and manp others who mozalle bated Reynard. But his beight, feemed tabe far beroud and abobe their malices which allhough be well anews bediffembled all be could 5 and lete adverte fortune Should again eclipte bis Greatness, and fo expose bim to the mercy of his Enemies, tobich be aneto would be but little, be plotted and debifed with bimfelf, which was be



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Indealour their promeston as mearas might be, with the ty to bis out. Grandeur : for be tobs not tymerant, there is their advancement flould come by his means, all mattre and indererate hatred bould be turned into lobe; and be bimfelf flould be mail timely rivered in his Greatents and Donotur. Eberefoge De maire on the ming teteball wittcence, but conceals bis intem for fome time, until once in a day, the ming being disposed to bunt, commanded the Lord Reynard to attend bint i todo bere readile obering, bunted with the King until dinner-time ; but when the King had dined, Reynard also after him: The King (in a melancholy pollure) fitting on a green Bank, belb down his bead, but thate not at all ; Reynard, freing the ming At this desected, Poll dread Suberaign, how is to that your Wajetty, who even new was chearful and in bealth, dining as beartily as any Prince in Christendam, is become so sad and disconsolate suddenly? Ob, said the King, my trusty friend Revased, when I consider the State of my Mealin, how differences it is, how great the patred and malice of my Subjects is one against another, especially of my Loods against rou, whem I lobe so early, and see not belief way to greatiff them, without assurant Every subtil you, I cannot chuse but be surproball and defected. La Politician this, the for replies (being gled at his beart that oppose makes not an tumicy loan effected to effect his before intended delign), occasion for Sold mighty Prince, I am pour Callal, therefore let not the accompli-pour Spajedy nich to displeate and ruin me, so that thing hisends, thereby your peace and content may be procured. Dere but waits till at the uting, looking tomember more chearfully, said 5 occasion be Toldy Reyaard, bost thou in earnest love me to well, as to offered; as is be content to be suined for my adbantage ? Pea, me here feen by Lozd, this Reynard, I would willingip iap down mp life, the Fox, who if your Papetry think it will be your interest. By would not these words the Fox had so possessed the Bing with a firm discover his conceit of his Lopalry, as he thought it better to let his intent, till ho discontented Sobles explate their malibe by length of law a sic optime, than to attempt the lutting an end thereto, to the portunicy presunice of to fairbful airtend; nebertheless, knowing the present it self, policy of bis friend Reynard , fait to bim in this prefent it felf. manner 5

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came. Polo when they were come to the place appointed for that meeting, the king and Sir Reynard came both to-

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gether among them : for they were cogether almost aff the night before. First of all the Ling in friendly manner fames set liegrim the Wolf, and sir Bruin the Bear, telling them be wonder they were fuch firangers, and would base been glad to babe feen them ere that time. Lhis fabeurable and labing entertainment from the fine. sited up in them a freih remembrance of their griebance toping now they pod a featonable opportunity to make their complaints, and find redress acceptingly. But when the complaints, and the recrets accordingly.

Bing perceiped their intention, which could not but be him perceiped to often inightful froms upon his Reynard himten by that to the him himtelf bay obserbed to ral from them both, which the ming himfelf had observed to be begins thus: Labing friends, the intent of this days meeting is not to beterning differences between party and party, not to it to sengely private griebances; therefore of them I monito babe no mention made at this times but meze weighty marter is note in band, which concerns mail, and this is the bufinels of meligion, fourbing which we have all been too remile. Whiben the Bear and Melf beard this, they beined themselves and fare dolon. So when all were fare, the ming thate to Sir Reynard, calling bim Coulin, and fait. Coulin Reynard, cur pleasure is, that you bectare to the Affeintly our full intention concerning this buffneles. Reynard, botoing bery lote to the ming firt , afterward to the Allembly , began to fpeak thus.

Morthy Lords, and Subjects of the mod puisfant aing of Beatls, be it known unto you, that our Pigder Prince, here present, did sor several good Causes (as emecially sor Morter by himself consisted) deprive Bellin the Main both of Life and Dignity, consisteding his babele Lamily to be a prey to His Bruin the mobile Bear, and His Legim the learned Most, and this consistent of hody and goods to construce from generation to generation, and to descend to the families and Lineages of the raid Sit Bruin, and his Legim sor every and longer if possible, By means of this we (with grief be it spoken), are subally deficite, and

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remarks all bis Subjetts in general, and to you bis Mehies in a special manner, bath thought good to call this affembly at this time, and with your abbice, and conteut, to make choice of come one, that that be judged mott fit for the Priefts Office; and when four bere babe chofen the Berfan, his Spajetty will prefent bim to be anprobed by a general Allemaly of the Commons, whom be will fummon together bery fpeedily for that purpofe. Wabing Cosken this, be fate doton. Then the Ming faid; Jappzebing of all my Coulin Reynard bath faid, oo beartiip toith that out of you may be chosen an able and fix perfon, rarber than from among the Commons; for bould one of the common fort be adhanced to fuch a high dignity ; tt is berp questionable, whether be would know boto to demean himself, &c. therefore I would have route proceed to pour choice of one from amongst pour felbes. After this, for a little space the tobole company were flient, and fate looking one upon another, per not without mufing, and imagining on tobom this to noble office toould fall; each wishing be might be the perfon ; the Wolf and Bear especially supposed they might babe the office, the Bear because the Lord Reynard (tobom be bated) had filled bim The hopes Roble ; the Walf, because be was termed Learned, un- of honour deubredly believed be should be chosen: forthe togath and and profit choler of both was fomewhat abated, and pir Bruis first pacifieth the food up and faid: Boll mighty thing, we your Lopal Sub- minds of mejeds cannot but acknowledg pour Pajeftes undoubted licious percare and seal for the well being of all pauleige people, fons ; efpecitherefore must needs greatly approbe of your high and no ally where ble intention. to amply and plainly delibered by the not their adble Lozd Reynard. Reft Chake Dir Firrapel the Libard, and vancement is Calo the Office intended to be conferred this day is Roble, procured by and the person fit for the management thereof thoute such as they be boneft, wife, and also learned; therefore I hope it mortally hawill be conferred on such a one, and on no other. Hot ted. my part I know my own incapacity, therefore do not in the least destre it; but were I fit for it, I would chuse it abobe all dignities in the world. Then the Bing fath to Sir Megrim, how is it Sir Megrim, that pou are fo

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Islent? I am informed by my Cousin Reynard, that pour are a great Scholar, very wise and learned in Law; Dibinity, and Physick, therefore I hoped you would babe proffered to take on you this great charge, which I, my Cousin Reynard, and all my Robles (I suppose) will freely confer on you, and on no other. And the Willist greedy enough of honour, perceiving; that by the Lord Reynard's means be was likely to be greatly bonoured, stood up, and after obeysance made, thus make:

By the Wolf here is denoted greedy and unfatiablu men.

Spott putffant thing, the caute of my fflence was not because I was unwilling to undergo any charge oz trou. ble for the good of pour Baieft and whole Kingdom, but because I was aframed of the discord that bad been between mp Lozd Reynard, mp felf, and fome other of pour Loral Dubjects, about matters not worthy to be mentioned in so noble au Auditozp; for that cause only was 3-fflent. The, faid the Ming, remit and forgibe all that bath paffed between mp Lozd Reynard, Sir Bruin. pour felf, or aup other, and will habe no more mention made thereof. App Lozo Reynard bath bigbip commended Pou to me, which furely no enemy would do. De bath also praised Sir Bruin fo, as I will not forget to bonour bim alfo. And foz Sir Tibert, because be is thoift of foot. and fit for implopment, also politick and fubtil. 3 (as foon as epportunity ferbes) will think of fome office toberein be may benefit bimfelf, and pleafe me.

Mit these words they were all highly contented; the Molf gabe his hand to the For in toker of friendship; the Bear and Cat also shook hand with the For. After these Ceremonies were passed, they all sate down. And by a General Wete, Sir liegrim was chose this Bre.

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CHAP. II.

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> How the Fox advised the Wolf and his Children to wear Bellin's Gown, and the cloathing of Bellin's kindred.

The for and wolf being thus reconciled, beld a countel together bow they might trengthen each other in the power they had thus obtained. The For begun bis discourte in this manner : p mon dear Uncle, 3 remembring the wrong I did you more than once, and now by the Bings fabour babing an opportunity to recompence you, and my Couffn Bruin, but pon effectally. I think I babe done it to purpole. Pou babe indeed, good Coufin. replied the wolf, and I e mine hall always acknowledg our felbes beholding to you, not only for the time prefent, but eber after during life. Bur babo I fail pals the centure of the Commons I cannot tell. Zuth, fato the for, let me alone for that, do but follow mp abbice, and all Gall be well : pour addice Coufin faid the Wolf, that I will as long as I babe breath. well then, quoth the For, do thus; fird of all, trim pour felf bandlomip, then take Bellin's furr Coton, and make it as fit to pour body asis possible, that head, ears, and all may be cohered; Covetous babing done this, those Beafts which befoze bated and fled from you, will now follow, lebe and adoge you, especially easily perif you under that garment conceal your own churlis ne- fwaded to ture; pardon me Ancle, that I fpeat to. Good Coufin, difguife hit bir liegrim, think not that I will rake offence, where themselves, I am to take abbice. Well then, if it be fo, fato the for, I will proceed further ; I befeech you good Wincle, as you lobe pour felf and me, theto not pour teethat any time, churlish nawhen you are among the Commons in the day time, in the night ute pour liberty, Probitic nauft be bad. Pou Cpeak tures, for efmifely fatth the Walt, I could never babe thought of all feeting hothis; but good Couffn tell me what I hall bo, when I nour and come to lay maffe, the bearfnets of my boice will beterap profic. me. D good Gincle, faid the for, are pou fo weat as not

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to find an excuse for that? tell them, to lubam you are to read, that you have gotten a griebous colds. I, but Cuistin, said the Willes, that excuse will terbe but once. Ab Unicle,

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Mincle, fato Reynard, if you mean to the be let pour office. pou muft not flick to lpe apace. Befides pou being ebtef. need not appear abobe once a pear, pour chilozen, and the poungeft of your kindged habe not to bearfe a boice as you ; when they grow old, they must read but feldem, but noto heing soung they will fland sou in good flead. if they he eractly cloathed with the Botons of Bellin's hindred; otherwife Uncle all is norbing worth: and be fure to gibe them the same addice I now give you, that is, not to thew their teeth in the day time, &c. Indeed Ancle, I wonder pen Bould think the excuse of taying you have a colo, will not hold water; do you not well know, that the Ram's kindzed babe colds often, and cough much. It is true good Coufin. faid the Wolf, I well remember it, fez went I went to bunt for any of them in the night. Jufually was otretted to the place where they were by their coughing. witefl then fato Reynard, I hope Uncle you own mp Comiel as right and good. Pes with all my beart Couffn, faid Itegrim : but now I think of it, you thean of my Children and minded; I perceibe not as pet that any thing was tate of them by the lating and Lords at this last countel. Mincle, fata Reynard, pour com to be berp ferupulous, and to doubt where there in no cause; know you not that eberg Capratin purs toba be will in place under him, and why not every chief Prelate ! Blame me not good Cou-Itn, fato llegria, for I fear the Commons, to foon as they hear my name, will all cry out, Sot Hegrim, not Rispitton we will feet feine way to abute their pour must fear. Imp feif bill batten to the ming, and aquaint tim what bath paffed between us, as alfo with this mott materfal cause of fear t and when I have communed with him for some rime, I will request him to send for you, then do you be ture to come (with Bellin's Goton exactly fitted to pour Body) into the Bings Prefence, and bottet not but the forcets theil autwer your beare. In the mean tebile, let us both go bome to our Mepatis, and early in the Mozning Apurpole to go to the King; do you wait in readinels at bome, till you are fent fot. So the

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For returned to his Calile, and the Wolf to his own boute.

CHAP. III.

How the Fox communed with the King, touching Sir Ifegrim's doubt, and thereupon Sir Ifegrim was fent for to Court, and created Earl of Pitmood.

E Arly in the morning the For came to Court, and being fundenly admitted, after obeplance made, be late, Dail mp Soberaign Lozd. The Ming feeing bim, looked plea. fantly upon bim, and faid, what are you and your Uncle good friends ? Pes, faio ebe for, I bumbig thank your Driefty, all malice and rancaz is late affee; and all the ebening laft, I was inftructing bim bow be fauld bebabe Dimfelf in this bigh Dffice pour Bajeffp bath conferred upon bim. Dou did well Reynard, faid the Bing, but did you mind bim of wearing Bellin's fur Bawn? Des neble Sir, faid the for, and be is to far refolded or it, that I judgere this be bath fitte) the Bown to bis own beop. If to, faith the Ring, it is well; then there is no boubt but be will be well liked af. I babe giben commandment already that the beads of all the families of the Commons be fummoned to appear bere, after the third day now nert coming. Therefore I would babe Dir Ilegrim be ready at the time appointed. Then the For Cato, reaor be will be to be fure; and if be obserbe all that I abbited bim to, will undoubsedly gain the Commons mo be on his fide. Debertbelefs there is one thing which troubles bim, and makes me futpictous alto, and that is left when your Majefty thall prefent bim by the name of Sir Megrim, which name all the Commons know, they immediately (not minding bis Garment oz Perfon) cre out. 20 liegrim, no liegrim. 'Ats true Reynard, faid the Bing, this is a confiderable matter, and I with I could remeop the fame. Dir, fait the for, pou map berp well; for it your Bajeffp be pleafed to bonour bim with the title

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of Count, it matters not of bow mean a place, be thall here the name of that place, and not bis own name any langer. Well then faio the Bing, I will do fo ; bere is a magod, not far from this place, near his own boule, and ttis called Piewood, that Manod I will fertle upon him and bis beirs foz eber, and be fall be created Carl of Picwood. Therefore fend for bim immediately to come before us. Then Reynard ftepped forth, called to Sir Tibert, who matted in the Court, and commanded bim to go prefently, and bring Sir Hegrim to the Bings prefence , Dir Tibert ran meedily to the Boule, and when be had entred the Boule and fale Sir Hegrim, be anew bim not, until be bad moze artalp obserbed bis countenance and bisage, then be knew him. and faid ; Certes. I knew you not Sir inchis new fastioned Bown; the Bing bath tent to theak with you mefentip. Do away went the Wolf and Tibert the Cat to the Court. Touben they came there, Reynard the for came forth, and conducted bis Uncle into the Mings prefence, and faid ; bere mot noble Prince is pour lately made chief Prelate, is be not berp trim and neat? Pes, Couffn Reynard, faid the Ming, 3 line bim paffing well, but had you not tald me both be was ozeffed, I spould scarcely have known bind, sure his beard is spaked, oz elfe be feems pounger than we fam bim laft. Wight Str. faid the for, I adbited bim to trim bimfelf thus, judging it moft combentent ; belides I babe giben bim etber particular Intiruations, which I bope be will obferbe. Then the Bing turning to Sir Ifegrim, fato, affuredly Sir liegrim pou babe found our Coufin Reynard to be pour molt fairbful friend, not only by additing you tobat to do, but also informing us, boto to affare and confirm that benom on you, which we and our Lords babe bestowed to freely on pour felf and on no other; and that is, by conferring a further title of honour ; that fo your name (fo deadful to the Commons), may be laid affee, and pour other Little (being unknown to them), find acceptance and applause with them all. The molf bearing this, bowed to low, as his mouth touched the ground, then raicing filmfelf a little be began to freak in this manmer 1.

sonft putffant Bing, boto infinitely am Jodliged to pour Bajeffy, and to the Hoble Lord Reynard here prefent - ana that in arime, when I leaft of all ernetted any fabour from pour fett, and lets from bim (tobom 3 bated. therefore I bere befoze pour Pajefip beg bis pardon). of whose logalty your spajelly bath undeubredly had fus. ficient restimoup, otherwise pour Potincely toisom could tigt habe embraced me, for tobich I bere again bumbly beg pour Bajefties pardon. Str Ilegrim, Sir, Megrim. Pou are already pardoned, faid the Bing, therefoze rife un (for Str Megrim bad proffrated bimfelf on the ground), and bearben to what I fhall further fap. I babe not only pardoned you already, but I de note also, besides the bomour of chief Prelate, confer on pour the Carloam of Pic. wood , inhich Wilood Pour undoubtedly know , for it lies near pour Mantion Doule ; that woed I gibe to pou, pour beirs and fucceffers for eber; and after the name of that Mireod, to thall you be called eber after, and pour old name Ifegrim hall be no more mentioned, but pour title thall run thus : Count of Pitwood, Lord Paramount. and fuz brebtep fake, you that be called, Lord Pirwood Tobben the ming bad ended bis fpeech, Megrim (almes ready to lean out of bis shin for 10p) knew not what to far. but bowing bimfelf with great reberence to the king and the for, lato, be in all humility acknowledged the Rings immente bounty toward bim, and the fores great lobe he mould neber forget : belides be added, that in the erercife of bis function, be would flugg nothing to much as the mings intered; and that of bis own profit be would be alalways lead mindful, with many other fuch like proteffetions ; pet in all thefe be leed egregioust, as you that bear anon.

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CHAP. IV.

How the Bear and the Cat offended at the great Honours of Sir Ifegrim, conspired his death; and how the Fox pacified them till the great Assembly of the Commons was over.

M Den the rumour of the well's great Preferments was foread among the Robles, Sir Bruin the Bear. and Sir Tibert the Cat bearing thereof, Comacked the matter not a tittle. And therefore reasoned among themtelbes thus; Dow much is this Caitiff, the greatest murtherer of all Beatls, abbanced to Bonour abobe us! if me fuffer bim to abide in this beight, we muft necestartly be bis Walfals : belides, boto great feeber our griebances be. we can neber find redzels, because the for bis great friend is the Bings only Pabourite; to that ebery was me are like to luffer, not only by bimfelf, but also by the for. who is now to much bis Intimate, as be can crut us at pleasure; and when we would complain, the for perhaps will take our Perition, but the Bing hall neber fee it. Dabing thus reasoned, they fate thent for some time, until at length the Cat, with a courage undaunted, thus hake. Roble Dir Bruin, poulare mighty, and Jam crafty; tt is not to be doubted, but if you and I agree together, be map acquit our felbes of this burden. Well faid. Coulin Tibert, auoth the Bear; if you can prepote the map. I will endeabour to follow your propolal. Tuby, Dir, faid the Cat, the way I would habe you take, is this, go unte bir Megrim, and congratulate bis bappy adbancement, expreffing as great joy and affection as is posible, then inbite bim to pour Castle rodinner, and when be bath dined (for know be will eat fo long, as until be is scarce able to fitr) inbite bim to walk (relling bim it is for bis bealth) out into the forest, where when you have him in a conbenient place, fall upon bim and tare bim to pieces. Db, Sir Tibert, fato the Bear, I am afrato to fet upon bim alone, foz be is debitlith fierce, and for all that I know map kill me.

Evil men once advantheir friends because they alfo fee no hopes of sharing with them in honor and profit ; but if once bability of vancement. they flatter, and bafely crouch to fore would

Good Uncle, fato the Car. fear bim not, I will follow clofe after Pou, and when you babe got bim bown, I will tare out bis throat, I'le warrant you. Theil then, faid the Bear, if pou will be as good as pour wezd, fellew me, I will go to Sir liegrim prefently. So they both baffed, and got to the amolfs boute in a thort space. Touben they were thirber come, thep found the Lozo Reynard and Sir Ifegrim tally hated of together ; for thep were difcourfing avout feberal meightp matters. The far obserbing the countenance of these rim Quells to be filled with batred, batofoeber they cobered the same with a diffembled cheerfulness; began to speak to them in this manner : Rable friends, bad I not been engaged here with my Lozo Picwood (for to his Bajefty will habe bim called eber after) I had ere this time fent for you to acquaint pou with his Majefiles royal intention concern. ing pou both; for fo foon as this great Conbention is ober. which now will be (as you bery well know) the nert day at they fee apro- ter to morrote, our putfant thing toyally intends to bonour pour Sir Bruin with the Carloon of the Fozelts, an bonone their own ad- which the greaten of Subjetts mults need beld bimfeit well contented with. And for you, Sir Tibert, be intends to make you extended of his boule, and if that like you nor, be purpolery to command the Barl of Pitwood, here prefent, to aomit pon for his principal Secretary, a place of unfpeat. those whom able profit undoubtedly. When the Bear and the Car beard they just be .. Such mountains of Bonour and Profit were the to fall in thatr Laps, and that fo feldenly ; their countenances and have killed, littrebriens were quite afrered, and the p with at one reberas appears by suck fabred and honotired the Lord Pitwood. calling him this Chapter thedianomable Logo chief Prelate ; and for the Logo Rey. mard, they told bis Botofbip they fould never be able mis ficiently to trumper out his Prailes, who had so highly promored bis Chemies in an ertraodinary manner. this they took their leabes, and departed far moze socund than they came.

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CHAP. V.

Of the Affembly of the Commons, and what paffed there.

The Bear and Catbeing thus pacified, as you babe beard, by the bopes of great preferment, nothing could let the intentions of Reyeard the Sicr, in advancing his Uncle Ifegrim, lately files Garl of Pitwood; therefore benow fully affured of accomplishing bin end, and of the further advancement of his own Grandeur, refted well contented till the mouning appeared, which ufbered in the day on which the General Affembly was to be belo. Then early before the Sun was fully riten, be baftens to Court, not forgetting to call upon his Ancie to be ready to come with his Lineage before the aing and Robles's but his Uncle was ready ere be could come to bis Doute, per all bis Lineage (according to Reynard addice) were not together; therefore the For laid, Dearen Uncle. Jam glad to fee you and yours in to good for warduers, I hope we that the your whole Family together by and by. I will go nin to Court, do pou come after as feeth as you can. So Reynard delayed not, but went immediately to the Court, and faluted the ming in these wozds, wort Buillant, mos Betalch. and most mighty Prince, I pour Mastal, and nion loval Subjed , thought mp felf abobe all others moft obligeb to falute your Watelly first in the morning of so bappy and glozious a dap, as this is like to be. Worth Reynard, fato the Bing, you are not come vefoze pou are wefl come. Dow is it you brought not your dincle and bis famity, according as you telo me you would? By Lozo, faid the for, my Uncle is ready, but all his Linage were not come together 3 neberthelefs, Jani affired they will weit upon pour Disbners prefently. Withilf be was freating this, Die Fibere the Cat called to the Fore and faids the Lords bere to the Lozd Pirwood come with a great Train of fuch Gallants as I ne ber in all my life faw the like. So the For Repping forth, took bis Uncle by the band, and led bim into the 1020-

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Prefence-Chamber; and when he bad, by the Mings order, placed him in a feat of State made for the purpose, he called in all his Lineage, who as they came in one by one made respected oberfance to the Ming, and stood round about their Father's Seat. Then the Ming said, my Lord. Pirwood, you are welcome, I am glad to see you so decently, and all

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all pours bere to eractly fitted with thefe Bowns of B.llin and bis mindged ; affuredly pour are greatly obliged to cur Couffn Reynard for bis to wirty inbention. It is fo, mighto Dir , Cato the Wolf (flanding up, and bowing bis Bead herp low I and my tobole family bere prefent do acknowte da bis great fabour, and nest into the courtnual pielding of our Domage and Fealty to your Ropal Baiety moft due. me thail eber own bim as our principal Patron, the Preferber of our Banour and goed Lime, among Pour Majettes Dubjeds in general. By this time Sir Bruis the Bear, and all the other Pobles were come. Att of them applauded the Babit and Geftures of the Wolf and his Lineage. And indeed they looked to demure, that the Difquifes and hing and all bis Robles (ercept the for only) were al. pretences of most throughly persmaded they had pur on Bellin's Bature fanctity do mith bis Garment. Bothey being all bigbly contented, often deceive. after a Wort Banquet, went forth to the Commons, who were gathered together in great mulritudes in a large Deadow nigh unto the Palace. Low among that buge concourse were seberal of Bellin's Mindeed incognito, and bery many of bis Friends, per they durft nor be known to be fuch, for fear of danger. As fooner did the Commons fee the Ring and bis & bles walking towards them, but they all bouted, and cryed our along All bail our noble Bing. An bappy prefage, noble Sir, faid the for The common to the Ling. But when the Lord Pitwood and his Ht. neage came fozwazd, clothed all in the Barments of Bel lin and his mirrored, they were all amaged, forme faid ded with no. (pointing to the Lozd Piewood) that was Bellin's Son, fee velties, and Pou not tohat a comely proper perion be is? Dthers fato look more on nap furely it cannot be fo, but toe rather judg it fome Dut the Habit and landil Beatt, coming as an Embaffadoz to our Bing ; fo? look pou, faid they, bow many Arrendants be bath, all into the naclothed in the same Libery be bimfelf wears. Bur the Friends of Bellin fato one to another, we wish it be not liegrim the dotalf and his Metinue, all grand Enemies to our as are recome friend Bellin and bis poffertry. Rebertbeleis, Bellin's atti- mended to dred were all flient, for they knew bim well enaugh, but them. burft uet fap fe much. Row as foon as the ming bimfelt,

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Reynard the For , Pitwood the Wolf, and bis Metinue, were alcended a Scattold purpotely niebe, the place places as near the Scaff lo as politile ; only Sir Brain the Bear, and Sir Firrapel the Libbard were for that dap Marthats of the Pielo, and to had no certain place ; alfo Grimbard the Banck mas made Crier of the Court, and that he might the better be beard (bis boice being not bery good) mas thruft up, upon the Scattolo, though there be from the little eafe. Abus all things being ozbered, as well as was possible among to many Beatts; the Bing gabe a fign for filence, by lapting his band upon his mouth 3 then the Beach (according as be had been befoze infrutted) be three O yes's, commanded filence upon pain of imprifonment. Stience being made, the Wing role up, and bob ing bis bead a little; began to fpeak thus, 992 frieibe and subjects, I called you regetber this bay about aner creding weighty matter. It is not unknown to many of you, that we remobed and displaced, and for a known and notozious Durder, put to beath our late Chaplain Bellin the Ham, and condemned bis poffertry foz eber. Since which time I babe not only been without a Chaplain, but pour to babe been deflitute of Leachers, becaute all my Chan tain's bindged were also displaced and condemned for bis en ozmous Crime. A berefoze to remedy this Griebance. with the addice and confent of our Lozds bere prefent, bahe made choice of a bery worthy and highly learned perfor non flanding next our own person, of whose integrity and work be babe bad sufficient and bery ample Experience. The perfon with bis whole Lineage we recommend to you to be Priefts for pour and all our leige Prople througheut ou Dominions. Daving faid this, be fate bim oown?

Aben Reynard the Fox rose up, and after be had with a great when of courteste bowed himself to the Assembly, be began to speak thus, Wozthy Sirs, his Wajesty, dir Royal Wing, taking care of the well being of all his subjects in general, could not without grief think of the sad deployable state you all have been lest in since the Weath

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Destb (* Db it griebes me to (peak it !) of Bellin, and * The true pownfall of bis Pofferity; therefore be in bis Princety Emblem of himom (for Petnes certainly are far wifer than their with an Hypocrite. jeds) bath thought of a mod excellent erpedient to prebent the enormittes pou were roo-too apt to run into, for want of Teachers and Buides to direct pou better: Therefore he addiced with this incomparably learned Lord Picwood, requelling as far as beieemeth the Bajeffp of a king to request bim, for the goed of bimfelf and all bis liege peonie, to improbe his great Learning to the general good of us all. Abis Doble Lozd, was fo far from ercufing bimolf, and abolding, or thunning this burthenfome office, as he readily a cheerfully accepts of the fame, and not only to. but also promifeth to engage all bis Lineage (little less learned than bimtelf) in the fame Offices and Employments. The the Lozds, being then all prefent and fetting in Councel by bis Bajeftes command, feeting bis great readiness and alacrity, and also knowing bow conducent thould be to the well being of all, could not chufe but (by our joint confent) bote bim to be the Logo chief Prelate thoughout all his Wajestes Dominions. Thus was benot without mature deliberation, chalen by us, and the choice confirmed by the thing bimfelf.

Before be bad ended these words, there was beard a rumoz among the multicude, which at length grew louder and louder. Then the For feared fome one og other bad deferted Miftakes in a the falle mack be (with his greatest cuming) bad put multitude, do won the bulinets. But, after Glence was commanded, it fometimes nabed not altogether fo. for among those who from fur- give opportheff from the Scaffeld, there were tome who asked, what tunity to the Lord that was then spake ? which question made the great- Judicious of eft part of the By-flanders to langh, supposing it not pol making their fible for any of the Company nor to know the For. Abis minds known. noise being beard among them by others that stood farther off, made them also to ask one another, what the notice meaned; they that flood nearest the Scaffold were most of them Bellin's friends, tobo had placed themielbes there, on purpose the better to descry the Lozd Pitwood's person (as

foever they falle Paints and fmooth guile.

Subril Politi- he was called) whom they plainly knew to be Hegrim the cians when- wall, therefoze prefently, being asked by the Crier what the notie meant ? they fato, the Company bebind deftred fear a difco- to know, of what Country the Logo Pitwood was, forme of very of their them Supporting, others affirming they bad neber feen bim hefere, and therefore were not willing to babe a Branger and Difguiles, impoled upon them. The for hearing this, again bomen immediately blinfelf to the Company, and fato: Lobing Friends, and betake them- fellow Subjetts, I marbel net, that it is suppofed by fome. felves to lying and beitebed by others, that this bonourable Lozd Pirwood here prefeut, is a Granger or fereigner; because he inbeen words fall of all bis tife-time, teith bis tobole Family and Lineane. hath tibeo a life to obscure and fecret, as neber old and Bank in a Clapfter libe moze rettred; befides be is fo bol and bebeut, as the like of bim is not to be found in the mbole adozlo: Pozeober be is to filent, and of fo fem mazos, lo bumble, gentle, affable and kind, as I know not whether any mortal wight libing may be compared unto bim. And that to the reason be to so little huchma for bad be discobered himself before the Bing by his Prince ip wittoom took notice of bim, undoubtedly none of pai thould in the leaft babe suspected bim to be a stranger. But this pour Aufpitton bad indeed ground enough, therefoze bis Maietty is not in the leaft offended with you, but readily affent toills that you gibe your Approbation by bolding up your to what they right Bands.

The most ignorant most understand not.

Then the greatest part of the Astembly beld un their right Dands, and many that france beard what mas fato, beld up both. After this, Piewood the mail and bis Lineage bawed themselbes to the Company, but spake not a wozd, leaft their Teeth found be when this was done, the ming willed the feen. For to speak to the Affembly (befoze they were dismisled) about Pitwood's Lineage. Therefore the for fanding up again, faid, Bis Bajefty is bight pleased with this pour Approbation, and commanders me to thank Pou all: Dis further pleafure is, that the Lord Pitwood's Lineage be recommended to Pou for

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peu affent foz confirming their Offices under bimfelf. new Loid chief Pielate; as to thefe perfons, in declaring the worth and gerbrefs of their Father, I babe not detraced any thing from them; for they all have led the fame life with bim, babe been always under his Autelage, and fill will be under bis Gobernance; f. as although any of them thould by reafen of bis Pourh err, pet bis father totil quickly efpy it and reclaim bim; therefoze I think you cannot bo better foz reur feibes, nez better pleafe the Bing's Bajefip, than to difcober your affent by bolding up pour bands. Aben. as befeze, the greatest part beld up their bands; and Pirwood and bis Lineage alfo betved themfelbes again, bur frake not. Wiben this bufinels was to well effected to the great content of the Bing and A bles, but especially of the for and wolf; It was thought conbenient to difmis the Commons. Therefeze Grimbard the Bzeck was commanded to intimate to much to them, tobich bery fozmally be did; first by their O yes's commanding filence, afterward by Greating to the Affembly in this mammer.

Dur Butffant ming aud all bis Robles gibe great thanks to peu all, fez your fo ready attendance this day, and also for that you have so cheerfully affented to what was proposed; therefere tor pour better commedity, and that you may with greater eafe journey to your own bemes, bis Kopal Bajelty and all bis Roble Lozds bere prefent habe commanded me to difmifs pou, and rou are dismiffed for this time. Apon this the Affembly brake up. fome greatly contented, others doubtful, and not a feto plainly forrewful for what had passed. When the Field began to be empried, and it was thought there was wap enough for the Ming and his Robles to walk to the Palace: The Bing firft defrended, after him the Logo Reynard, then Knaves and the Lord Pitwood and his Lineage, with fuch teeming fo= Fools (the bernets, as many of the Commens that flaged to fee the first for felffight, admired the grabity of bim and bis. The for ob- ends, the laft ferbing the Lord Pitwood was gazed upon, flept a little in imitation) back, and walked directly before him bare beaded; the Bear honour the and Cat feeing this, placed themselbes en each fide of him unworthy, &

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ithetotic bare beaded; after him followed his Lineage all in order, and after them the Robles, and lattly Grimbard, the Brock, leading a great Troop of Serbitors, that attended on the King and Robles. In this Equipage marched they, till the King was ready to enter his own. Palace; then did the Trumpers found, and all manner of other Apulick was heard in a melodious manner, containly playing until all the whole company was entred the Koyal Palace.

CHAP. VI.

How the King invited his Nobles the next day to a Feast, and what passed thereat.

When all the Pobles and their Followers were entred the Palace, the King willed them all to fit down, and rold them, the buffnets of the day bolding to long, and the iffice allo of the fame being dubtous, be would not reliebe what to do; but now his affairs being ferled accepting to his wift, he defired they would all accompany him on the morrow at a feast which should be prepared to them; and then he rould further declare his mind. They bearing this, all took their leaves and departed, every

one to bis own bome.

In the mean while the King sent out his Purbeyozs into all parts, who probided size of Menison, and other Cates in abundance. Taken the morrow was come, and noon drew nigh, they all came much about one time: and after obeysance made, all took their places at the Lable, the Folitting down on the right hand of the King, and the Adolf in his lest, and all the other Robles in order, giving place bill to Pirwood's Lineage; so as they sate all intermixt among them. When they were all sate, the Servitors brought in Hear, dressed in others manners with curtous bauces, and set it before them. Grace being ended, the King cuts sirst of the disp that sood nearest him, bidding his guess to sall to. They all in like manne, say hands

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of what was nearest them, and soon made a clean brard. Then those empty platters remobed, other full Diftes. probided for a fecond courfe, were fet on the Zable; while this was doing the King cails to his Serbiroza for Wine, which was brought, and the Cupgiben into the Hings band, he drank to all his Guells, bidding them weldame, withal commanding to fill unto every one that fate at the Aable. Abis being done thep fall to the fecond courfe, and then began to talk a little. The Serbitogs fear. Gluttons will ing by their eating fo much, none would be left for them. take away the fecond course, and bring in the third without bidding; and as before fill wine to the Bing first, and afterward to the Tabele Affembly. And this order they ting at the kept in all the following courses till the Feast was done. Row when the Feat was ended, the King and all the Company looked bery chearfully one upon another, and the Uting first of all sato, Pow brabely old our Coussin Reynard manage his business pesterdap? To this the Unif (who during the Featt bad faid nothing, left bis Teeth thould be feen too plainly by the Serbito2s) replyed, he did indeed (moft Pomant Prince) act no otherwife, than as if be had been inspired by an Dracle; in truch I was afrato all would not be well when that rumour and murmuring noise was beard among the Commons. Abat bertip put me also to a fland, said the For, and I was a little troubled till I beard what the matter was; then I knew I toas able to put an end to that murmuring. I am glad It is honourall things are to well, faid the king; it will be our parts able in a King noto to endeabor to keep them to. Therefore to pou, mp to give good Lozo Pitwood, I now Speak : I bope the Bonour toe babe Counfell, but conferred on you and yours bere prefent, will neber be it is bafenels foggot; for whoseverts unmindent of benefits, debtates in a Subject from all haneftr. Dur Subjects are numerous, and all not to regard of them (as I well noted) did not consent to your the same; as Approbation, though the major part (which is fufficient) this Chapter, indeed oto bery cheerfully. For this cause I would and the babe pou to confider you habe Enemies as well as friends whole Hiftowhich will be apt to etpp all advantages, and ready to ry following, erclaim against you to foon as they can find any occasion, clearly prove; which

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his filence. and the Fox for him, by a long and lying discourse, folemnly promile to obferve all the King commanded, or advised to. yet they neither of them ever intended to perform the fame.

for although which will by nothing be fooner giben, than by pride and here the Wolf licentious libing; of which (though I thus (peak) I hope

for himself, by I hall habe no occasion to be jealous.

Then flood up Reynard the For, and fatd, Walt dzead Sobereign, I dare engage my boneur, pea life and all, for the good deportment of my Uncle. For the reason why be beretofoze was reputed churlift, and licentious, was because of his penury; this now being totally remobed. bp the office your Dajetty bath giben bim, can be no caute of firring up in him fuch bices as were (in times paft) condemnable in him: because had he now no other estate to like on than his profits (not to mention other Perquifires), be must needs babe to ample a competence, as that be thall need to defire no moze. Pea, I fap, bis riches will be fo great, as be will be in a capacity rather to gibe to others; than to need any thing moze than what his office datig Supplies bim with. Befides, I confider bim by my felf; it is well known to pour Majetty, how I was continually complained of by my Guemies, accused of Burder. Thefr and Kapine (as my fozmer troubles do well witnels) until pour Wajelly was pleated to bance me. and confer on me fo ample Areafures, as I noto poffeis. Since this time, not one Beaft of all pour Bajeftp's Subjeds barb fo much as opened his mouth against me. It istrue, Reynard, faid the Bing, I babe neber beard ang complaint of thee fince the time I firft adbanced thee; therefoze I repent me not of what I habe done. Then the For bowing himfelf, faid, I humbly thank your Dajeny for all pour fabours beftowed on me, as also for this great Mounty, for my fake, conferred on my Uncle; of whom (doubtlefs) from this day fogward, you will neber more bear complaint. Watto this speech of Reynards the ling was greatly lattefied; and therefoze laid, Coulin Reynard, I beliebe no lefs than pon babe told me. I am glad to fee pou affectionate and lobing to your Uncle; I doubt not but be will repay your kindnets with like lobe and affection, and in the Execution of his office be always minoful of fabing our Bonour. Des, faid Reynard, that will be bis only aim; for he bath already promifed to be always more mind

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mindful of your statesties interest than of his own. These, and many moze such speeches passed between the King and the Far, until it was somewhat late in the Ebening; then the King sinished his Discourse, told all his Guess it was late, he would detain them no longer. So they departed; only Reynard the For was ozdered to come to Court early in the mozning; soz the King told him he would speak with him alone about earnest business.

CHAP. VII.

Of the Discourse the King had with Reynard the Fox, touching the Advancement of Sir Bruin the Bear, and Tibers the Cat.

The var no cooner appeared, but Reynard halted to the Court; where his Adject had expected his coming almost an bour befoze, for he was troubled about his promite to Bruin and Tibert, not per performed, lest they through discontent should be the Authors of Commotion. Therefore, so soon as Reynard rame in, he said, It is well pan are come, Coussin, I was even now, and indeed last night, thinking of my promite to Bruin, and also to Tibert, how remits I have been in performing my word, doubting whether by that omission they two being discontented (as I suppose they are) might not rate some Commotion and sir among our Friends and Subjects. Hereupon, the For (now sinding all things to succeed according to his own design) after obeysance made, thus speaks:

Sure, mighty Prince, you have consulted with the Dracle, otherwise you could not have consecured so truly. For Bruin the Bear, and Tiders the Cat were highly offended with my Uncle two days before the Astembly of the Commons, and came with full intent to his house to have done him some mischief; but by good sortune, I being present, discerned their design by their looks, and therefore presently told them of your Pajesty's royal intent to promote and

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hanour them, the bery nert day after the Affembly of the Commons was ober, which for the prefent pacified them bery well, but ftence the time apprimed is paft and gene, without any effect, answerable to what I premised, how they now fland affected, I cannot tell. Well then, fata the Bing, I underftand by pour wreds, that it is high time to do somewhat in this business; but I pray thee Coulin Reynard, tell me which was I may best bonour them with least damage to my felf, or injury to you. The fit bearing this, after low Deplance made, faid; Diego Sobereign, if my poor judgment may be receibed in this case, I humbly request pour Majetty to consider the nature and temper of them bath, and eccozoingly to honour them. An this the King replied, you freak toell Couffit, but fince pou beft know their natures. I leave it to you to propose, which way they may bea

be benoured:

It is a point of great difcretion to give honour, or choose Officers according to their Qualifications, and on ive employments; but when any Sovereign fo the accomplishing his own base ends, that is quence, and perilous to the Prince himfelf.

Dighte Sir, faid the For, if it be pour pleafure that I thati fpeat my mind, I briefly fay thus. Bruin is a tump, and an beaby flow beaft, one that lobes to libe in toleness, therefore an emply title of honour without imployment is fittell foz bim. But Tibere is nimble, adactive Spirits the, fubrile and politich, and there foge fome firto confer act- ring timplopment that is profitable (for he ta naturally cobe: tous) will please better than all the bonsur in the world. The king bearing this, was well contented; and further fato, what Attle fall I gibe Bruin and tobat Employ. Subject shall ment thall I find out for Tibert ? 90p Lozd, Bruin will bold perswade his Dimself bigbly contented with such a Title as Isegrim my Uncle bath, that is, if your spagelty will creare him Garl to do, only for of the forrefts, although be babe not one foot of Land there, it will be as much as needs to be. And for Tibert, if your Digbness will but command my Uncle to make bim his Clerk (foz a Clerk be must babe) that will be both bo. nour and profit alto, the last of which is bis chief and only of evil confe- aim. Then the Bing faid, this you fpeak of may well be done spet I doubt there will be an inconbenieucy in making Bruin Barl of the Fogelt, because the Fogelts are mine only, and in case any Incurrection be, the Rebels map

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may make Bruin their bead, by birtue of this Aitle, and to my Royal dignity bein danger. App Lozd, said the Foz (bowing himself) bow can your Pajesty think thus? Foz whilst I continue in your Dighnesses, grace and sabour, Bruin

Bruin muft needs be under me, especially if this Bonoir be conferred on bim, as for my take, that will make him always to act by my addice, and neber to do any thing without it. Besides, if he would be a Araptoz, be is of bimfelf to timerous and fearful, that he must needs bewzap bimfelf. Therefoze, for bim I fap thus much, If ever be be found false to your Majesty, take isting Dead. Well Confin. faid the King, fince you have fo good opinion of bim, I will for your fake do bim this Benour; and that I map the moze firmip bind bim to ferbe pou. I will at the fame time make pou Lozd chief Baily of all my Dominions; only at the receibing thefe Donours, pou wall both of you felemuly frear fealty to me and my Beirafoz eher. At the bearing of this, the For (infinitely joyful no doubt, for by these means be knew all power would be in bis hand) bowed himfelf to the king, and fato; Roble Str, I am not only willing to ferbe pour Majesty in such an bigh and bonourable office, but thould hold my felf well contented to be accounted pour Dighneffe's Waffal, fince I lee fo great noblenels, as I am not able to express. Total Reynard, fato the Bing, I am willing to honour you thus, because I repose in pou so great truft, as I neber in all my life did, in any of my Subjects; frez indeed I am to fufficiently perfoaded of pour Loyalty, as I Suppose I babe no cause to doubt aup Misdemeanoz in you. Db mp Lozd, said the For, should I in the leaft all any thing repugnant to pour Baiefty's boncur, I Pould be worfe than any Beaft, and the most weetched of all Creatures. Then the Bing fato; Coulin, you babe faid enough, I beliebe peu. Therefoze call in tr Tibert, and I will ozder bim to fummon the Robles to appear all here on the morrow morning betimes. In the mean while you may go bome to your own Castle. until the time of their intended meeting be fully come.

The For hearing this, bowed his head, and departed full of 100 and content; but forgot not to fend in Tibere to the Using. Now when Tibere came before the King, the King sald, Sir Tibere, our will is, that you summon the Locos to

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be all here to morrow morning, for I purpose to confer Honours on Sir Bruin and your felf, of which I would have them to be witnesses; also for the Lord Reynard's good services, I intend, and fully resolve to make him this Baily of all my Domintons, therefore has you, and disparch your Business,

CHAP. VIII.

How the Fox, Bear, and Cat, were Honoured by the King; and how the Bear and Fox swore fealty.

The Cat above meature joped at this news, runs first to Bruin the Bear, and acquaints him with the whole store; then be basens to all the other Lozds, and last of all comes to Malepardus, where Reynard's Castle stood, into which be enters, and not finding Reynard at home, (so be was gone forth to hunt) be faluted Reynard's Witte and Children, (who were most of them of good stature) in these wozds: Reberend Padam, and you noble Lozd, I am hither sent by the Kings Koral Pajesty, to summon my Lozd Reynard to the Court early on the morrow. Pahing said this, away he runs to his own dwelling, and there remained until morning. Row, the morrow being come, and the Lozds all present in the Court, the King sitting down among them, began his discourse thus.

He lecting of our affairs in the choice and confirmation of the lecting of our affairs in the choice and confirmation of the lock Piewood in his office of this Pelate; pet there kems something maze of necessity to be done; so his bruin bath been long our leige man, and although of so high descent, as you all know we have none nearer us by wirth, except our own family, in all our Dominions, pet we have neber unto this day conferred on him any singular specimen of bonour. Therefoze our will and pleadure now is, befoze you all, to create him Earl of the fozess, thereby to oblige him nearer to us, and to intimate to all our Subjects in general, that we will bonour

as many, as either by birth, or defert, nught to be bouchred. Alle our will is, that Sir Tibert, faz bis diligence in erecuting our commands, be admitted by mp Lord Pinwood bere prefent, as his chief Clerk. We know he is able and capable of fuch an Imployment; therefore me Lozd (directing bis speech to the Boolf) I prap accept of him as your Secretary, by me recommended. To this the Wolf replied, pour Page fip map command much more than this: I do bere in this noble prefence accept of bir Tibert as inp chief Secretary, and none other. Then the Bing further faid, one babe great reason to bonour elecially, tobe (if at any time feeting us remifs) admonifing of our dutp, therefore 3 am now fully refolbed to confer greater bonour on our Coufin Reynard, the Preferber of our Kopal Crown aud Dignity. Babing faie this, be immediately before them all called to binithe Lord Reynard. and when be bad hilled him, gabe bim a flaff beaded with Balo ; faying, this is our badg of honour, at all times in he horn befoze pou, by pour Coufin Grimbard; oz in cafe he he not well at any time, then by pour Coulin Betelas the Ape. fo foon as be returns from Rome, tobence be bis how. ip erpected ; and with this Staff we gibe you pawer ster all our Bubietts, and therefoge conflitute pau Lord chief Batty of all our Dominions. After the Bing bad fone this, the for bottoing bimfelf, faid, Dread Soberaign. I that never be able fufficiently by words to express me thankfuinels, being wholly obercome by pour Bajedies immente Bounty; but my Actions wall tectifie mp gratttwoe to all your Subjects. Then the thing, noboting bis bead and fmiling, fato norbing to bim, but called bir Bruin, and lato; Sir Bruin, Acreate peu Garl of the se zefts. and if bereafter I have to ample a tellimonp of pour Lopalty, as Jat this time perfwade my felf 3 ball, I will confirm the fame honour on your Deirs and Successors for eber. The Bear bearing this, made obenfance, and hum bly thanked bis Majefty. To this the king faid, be bed reason likewise to be thankful to bis Coulin Reymand, tobo bad requested this great bonour for bim. Aben the Bear turned stimfelf, and gabe the far great thanks alfo. Abis being

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heing bone, the Bing faid. Dow there remains nothing, Oaths taken but that pou two fwear fealty to us, our Beirs and Suc- by wicked ceffers. Then the Molf, whole effice it was to fwear perfons, are them) gabe them the Book, on which be bade each of them no longer tolar his right band, and then fap after bim : So the for binding to and Bear after bim repeated there toogds: The finear to them, than be true and fattbful to cur Soberaign Lozd the Bing, and till they can directly of indirectly to practice northing against his Moyal fee an oppor-Crown and Dignity, &c. Pabing faid this, be bad them tunity of falhife the Book, fo they did, and then role up; roz they took fifying the their Dath kneeling.

This being done, the Bing dilmiffed all bis Ables ; mote their and to the For particularly faid; Boto my Lozo Reynard, ambitious inhe that peu deal fufile to all me soubjeds, in deciding tents, as by their caufes impartially; for I am willing you thould your the following telf redrefs the Griebances of my meaner Subjects; and ftory is eviwhat difference fall arife among you my Robles and dent in the friends , of that I mp felf will babe the Decision. Fox and Then the Far bowed bimfelf, and fato, All pour Bear, now jettles commands thall be exactly obeyed by your mott ob. fworn before

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Then Grimbard the Brock, receibing the Staff of Rey - the King. aard, boze it befoze bim ; and Pitwood the wolf, Bruin the Bear, and all the other Bobles followed after, and attended the for to his own Calle-gates, where they took their leabes of bim, and returned eberp one to bis own bome.

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CHAP. IX:

How Pitwood the Wolf went to Malepardus to commune and advise with his Cousin Reynard about his own Affairs, and what was the Result of that Discourse.

A frer this, come time being elapted, Pitwood the Wolf thought it necessary to go to bis Cousin Reynard. Therefore coming to Malepardus, be knocked, and one of Revnard's Sons coming to the gate, opened it, and homet himself to the Logo Picwood, saping, sop facher is with in ; if pour Lozofbip would fpeak with bim, 3 will goin. and call bim. I pray thee do, faid the Wolf, for I come for that end. So Reynards Son told bis father, the Lord chief Prelate was come to speak with bim. De bearing this, bafted to the Bate, and there faluted bis Uncle, in thefe words, Meberend Uncle I fop to fee pou. I think it not expedient to inbite pour Lozdibip to come into my House, therefore we (going to ponder bedg) wall habe a bery conbenient place to fit down and talk together; for I know we that there have moze pathacy then we can have. within doors. Bonourable Coufin fato the Wolf. I am. always obliged to pou for pour readiness to ferbe me, but especially for your probidence and forecast y pour self being to circumfpet and wife, as to be able to forefee conbes. niency, of inconbeniency, as oft as need is. By this time they were come to the Bedg, where the For stetting down firft, inbited bis Uncle to fet by bim. When be wasfat, the For began thus; Uncle Pitwood, I Suppose by this time pou perceibe the profits of pour office ? Des, Coulin, faid the Wolf, I babe indeed reaped no fmall benefit by mpoffice, the Perquifites are large, and I habe receibed. great prefents, and thole of fo great bariety, as I never in all mp life fam the like; befides, their quantity is fo great, as my con Boufe will baroip contain them. 3 am. glad to bear it, faid the for ; but bow fares it with all me Coulins, your Children and Repbems: do they also thibe

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in their offices ? Des, berp well, faid the Lord Picwood. they tell me they babe enough, and I beltebe them ; to? three or four of them babe lately taken Surfetts with eating (poor bearts). D Uncle, fato the for, that's nothing. perhaps their flomachs were weak ; but thep will be well enough in a little time. Des, pes, Coufin, fato the molf. I doubt it not. But good Coufin, let me habe pour abbice in fome few things. Suppole I babe moze than I can tell where to bestow, what shall I do with the remainder? This Chapter shall I gibe it to the Bing, og build mp Bouse larger to re. This Chapter ceibe all that comes, and referbe the fame for a time of flews that need ? Toubat is pour adbice ! fall I gibe to the thing, and Liberality is fo ingrattate my felf further with bim : Bat fo, faid the on e mainup-For, for the Ming feeing pour great affluence of Biches, holder of will begin to cut thost pour other Mebenues, fuppoffing Greatnefs, and you will in time grow too mighty for bim. That's bery con- that without fiderable, quoth the wolf; what then! I perceibe pou it, Envy and allom of enlarging mp boufe ? 120, faid the For, if pell Malice may will take my abbice, I fee no fecurity in that, but would ra- fo far prevail, ther perfmade pou to inrich pour friends. Dom cap poul as to be able what Frinds can I babe in this bigh effate which to fhake, if eberp oneenbies ? To this the Fer antwers, Uncle, did not torally to Pour bere know any one enbied for gibing ! It is not your ruin those bigheffate that caufeth emby ; bur the barred of others a- that are in gaina pou, is because they can reap no benefit by four great honour, greatnels: Therefoze pou cannot do better foz pour felt, and yet very my herrer fecury our own Grandeur, than by pleaturing coverous: fome fem of the 12 bles with a small part of pour wealth, Befides, gifts now and then. Then Coufin, faid the wolf, I will do fo; blind the eyes but pou must a obite me to whom; for I know not what and alter the to bo in fuch a cafe as this? What to bo, fato the for, underftanding wbp know you not that the Carl of the Fozens, although fo, as men are mighty to fee to, is but poor; and though be as per carry fare to pour and me, pet tf be partake net of part of our easily induced Meafth, be map in time prebe a bitter enemp? Likewife to approve of Sir Firrapel the Libbard, and Sly-look the Bantber, are that now, effeemed grear, pet we well know that fome fmall pit which they tance from us, will be fo thanhfully accepted by them, the day before as the hall eber after oblige them firmly to us. And din did contemn

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cle, it is a bery necessary point to be thought en; for if me be diligent in obliging Friends to migbip, tobat is it me map not de? Pet pou must be sure to be mindful ef pour own Serbitozs that they map net repine at peur wealtha emectally, look into pour Decretaries prefits; if thep be not large enough to content bim, peu mud add moze, till te bolds bimfelf well contented. Foz be who would retain the greatness be at present bath, must not forget to rebard his Attendents fo, as they never utter one word in bis diccommendation. Coufin, faid the Wolf, I well underfland piu, and purpose to put in pradice what pou babe adbifed. So for that time they parted, and the Wielf offtributed bis Boods among the befoge recited Robles, as freely and as liberally as eber actelf oid. And the fer according to the advice be bad given bimfelf, did allo largeip remard those of whom be thought be flood in greaten need, or in rime to come might babe cccasion to use, and in his bounty exceeded the Wolf by far.

CHAP. X.

How the Fox behaved himself in his Office, and of two Causes by him decided.

The For (who knew it was no less wisdom to keep what is gerten, than to get the same) notwithstanding tis other assars, (which now by reason of his Office were many) waits and tends upon the King as sozmerly, always making great Protestions of his Loyalty, touching which the King doubted not at all, the For has to craftly instructed himself into his affections. All being well on his side, we now come to speak of his Decision of Causes and manifest differences among the meaner sort of Subjects: And of these at this time we mention only two.

The first is of a Beber and an Otter, who being at stife about Fist they bad taken, make their complaints before the Lozd Reynard; the Otter first thus begins; Ap Lozd,

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this Beber bath done me great wrong; for he and I were Partners for many years, and all the fish we got, we flored up in common, and both bis and my Family were fed theres of always in our need, especially in assinter; and it happened, that this present assinter Aerpeating the same priviled.

bileda I fozmerlo bad, came foz Fift in mp need, but he denped me mp right; and babing all the fift in bis onf. feffion, gabe me not fo much as one fmall fith. Aberefoze I am in neceffitp, habing fpent all I bad to bup food for my felf and family. The for bearing this, asked the Beber, if it were true? Do, fato be, my Lozd, this lying beaft accufes me faldp; foz be and I were neber Bart. ners, ercept that we have fometimes gone a filbing together, and afterwards made merry with our Bootp. We. fices be batb not the right art of fibing, foz be makes fuch a noife, when be is in the water, that all files that are near. Ap with might and main ; but Tleap not into the mater, befoze I efpp mp prep ready and within mp reach. 189 mp difcreet filbing I catch moze than two foz bis one therefoze my Lozo, it is not to be imagined that I mould the mp felf to to great an incombeniency as to labour for a. nother. Then the For anked the Beber, if be bad ang floze of Fich by bim ? and be fait, Ro my Lozd. When be beard this, be asked the Dtter, what be fato to that & bad the Beber any fift by bim when you and be came laft from bome : Des, faid the Drter: Beliebe bim nat. I befeech pour Bonour, quoth the Beber. So the for fraightway commanded two Officers to go to the Bebers boufe to feareb for fit. Wilben thep came there. rber fato two Kooms one abobe another, full floged with Dzied fic. The fith being to much, as they could not hear it away at leberal times going; they carried none of it with them, but one flaged to guard the fit. and the other baftned to the Court of Judicature, faring. 199 Lozd, there is fuch ftoze of filb, as I neber fam he fore; for in the Bebers boute are two rooms full, &c. Withen the Lord Reynard beard this, be proceeded to gibe fentence thus; Since the Beber bath falfip belped bis Reigbbour, and denied bim bis jutt due, be fpall lofe all bis fif. Then touching the Otter be fato, fince be bad been woonged, be bould babe one balf of the fift to mabe bim reparation. The Dtter departed weil enqueh contented with this centence; but the Beber was mad at beart. This Sentence was as eractly erecuted, as B29.

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After this there bappened a great difference between certain Daws and Rooks. The occasion rake as foliotos. In an bigh Lower, apperraining to a Country-Lown, where men formerly bad dwelt, a company of Daws took up their babitations, and had dwelt there to long as until they became bery numerous. Right against this Tomer were planted Elmes, which in length of time were groton up to a berp great beight; in the upper part of which at first a few, and afterwards many Mooks built Beffs and fetled there. Thefe two kinds being to near Priabhours, at length grew into acquaintance and familiarity one with another: the Mocks precending great tindness to the Dates, were by them admitted into their Boules, and cometimes feated the Mooks like wife in bited the Daws to them, featling them after the fame manner. This recipzocal entertainment continued along time. until a fcarce and bard Seafon came. Then the Mooks barching their oppositunity, when the old Daws were gene forth, (for it was spring-time, and they bab poung ones) being greatly preffed with bunger , agreed all together to rob the Daws, and fearing the note of the poung Datos toould betogap their intentions, it mas refolbed among them, firft to bill all they found in therp boufe. With this resolution they all at once flete out, and one of them bent into every baufe and flem all the poung ones, some of which in carrying out thep let fall, by reason of their batte; but as many as they could bold, they carried in their own Reffs. and returned immediately and took away all the Bookflons they could (which was not much by reason of the scarcity of the time) and carred that bome alfo. Then with freed fome of them flew out to purbey, as at other times, but (by reafon of their own bunger) made batte bome. By this time were the old Datos also returned with Probition for their poing, whom they neber more faw alibe. Therefoze imelling the deceit, some of the boldest of them flew ober to their Reighbours, and coming unawares upon

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mon them, could easily fee the tern limbs of their children. Dibers of them flying again downwards, efpied under the Lower-walls feberal of their pounglings lying dead. At this, they were all fo much enraged, as tad not fome of the wifest among them distinaded them from it, thep would babe suddenly in an bottle manner assatled their Enemies. Therefoze they took up this refolution, nametp, that they would complain of their Griebances to the ming of Beads. But after it was told them that the ming himself would not meddle in their matters, because be had deputed bis Cousin Reynard, they all fip to bim, and lighting on a Tree nigh to the place of Judicature, they called aloud, Juftce, Roble Lozd Reynard. Reynard being informed of this Cry, immediately came forth, and firting down, fato, what is the matter? They fato, sop Lord, abenge our cause of those perfidious Mooks tobo babe flain our Chilozen, and robbed us of all our lub. Rance. To this the For replied, bow fall I know pour complaint to juff, unless I also bear those that be accused! At this, they all flew away home, and being there, called to their Reighbaurs the Books, telling they mult appear before the Lord Reynard. To this the Books answered, that was no lawful summons; nevertheless, they would not fitch to appear, being fufficiently able to clear themfelbes. So feme of the eldeft of the Backs fleto firft to the Court of Indicature ; the Daws feeting that, made hafte after them. Touben both bad lighted on Arees as near the Fores feat, as they could, the Daws as befrit, erhibit their complaint. To this the Books antwer, Mp Lozo, these Dams bere present, belge us threwolf. for the as well as they were gone forth to purvey for Recellantes; but their pring ches in their abience craw led out, and fell daten, and fo bled; fome of which are to be feen at this prefent, broken to pieces against the Stones; and this is the cause why these Warlets accuse us, who are innecent as your Lozostip. To this the for answered, it is firange that all the young ones in every boule thould at one time be alike disposed to cratel out 3. I fufpect the truth of this matter, and cannot ac-

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quit pou, unless pou can by fubliantial witneffes, ebt-Dence the truth of pour Affertion. Then the cloeft of the Books faid, sop Lard, toe are able to produce wittneff a enough, some of which saw this downfall of the young Daws. Bi to then, faid the For, pecduce them. Then baffed one eg the of the Kanks, and the flet time pre- It is dangerduced all the rest of their festows, who had an hand in ous for guilty the former Paffacre of the Daios. Withen thefe Witt-berfons to neffes were come, the for commanded them down to be come within thom: Therefoze daton they came (though untoillingly) the Judg his am afrer thep were Coopin, and ready to gibe ebidence, power. be toould not bear them, before the other Books who were accured, were also come down off the Arees, and brought to the War. 12: wald be to the Thitneffes, let us hear what pour can lap. wie, mp Lord, fato one of them, were ere witneffes of what bapned to the poung Dams; for they came all to the doors of their beufes, and they locked ineupin anather, until at length, Aribing (as it feems) to fly (before they were able) they all tumbled down beadlong. Bim indeed, we feeting they were fallen and dead. tock up every one of us one of them, and carried them heme, because we knew they were dead. Toben these our kinsfelks, who are now arraigned, came home, we told them the whole flogy; they allowed of what me had done; because that was free booty; pet to aboto the ill-will of our Reighbours, they would not luffer us to fetch up any moze of their dead bodies. Rowitis true, that some of the Daws flying ober to us, did see many of us the waitneffes eating of the dead bodies of their Children, and therefore without one word fpeating, they fallip affirmed to your Logolbip that we bad flain their children, and robbed them. So then faid the For. pou deup you have robbed them, pet confess pou eat the dead Pounglings. Pato where are foln goods to be found, but in the possession of the Thief? Therefore by pour own ebidence pou babe condemned pour felbes, and I can do no less in equity than to condemn you all to be frangled, as a jult recompence for your beinous Maffacre. Wahen be bad latothis, the For's Artendants firangled every one of

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infinitely bound to pour Lozdibip, for that you habe to just- what is not te abenged our caufe on the Wurtherersof our Chilozen, their own, The For antwered, I could do no lefs ; for I plainly per, nor ever like cetbed thep were gutlty, both of Burther and Theft ; to be in their therefore I gibe pou all the Boules and Boods remaining poffession, as of thefe Attcreants, (although indeed my own Berquit- here is evifires) that you may eber after It be fecure from fuch treache- dent by the tous Beigbbours.

Ram when the Datus had bumbly thanked the For thep gives the took their leabes and departed; and from that dap for. Daws the mard mould neber after babe any Fellowith with Mocks. Rooks Nefts.

CHAP. XI.

How the Fox liberally bestowed what he got among the at them. Nobles, and of the Communication that was held by them at a general Meeting.

P. D. For in this manner bandling all matters fo, as When afpiwhich was foeber the scale turned, profit should re-ring Subjects amind to bim. partly by Bzibes taken pathilp on both fides, abound in and partip by the Forfettures of the condemned, bad got Wealth, the together an infinite mais of Mealth. Then knowing Kings roval his own great Miches, be afpired to adbance his efface pet person and bigber, pea eben abobe bis Wafter, that had bonoured power is lihim to highly, and had giben bim power fufficient to en- able to great-Sanger bis oton Croton and Dignity. Therefoze, to pro-danger. ceed arely as be thought) to bis before-imagined Brandeur. be thews himfelf much moze fiberal than formerly. enriching all the Pobles and their Followers and Metinue, among which be most of all gratified Sir Tibert the Cat, gibing to bim bery largely. By this liberal gibing be was the only eminent person in the land (as thep who were to greatly benefited by bim judged) that was endued with without, Policy, and great Biches. Lo. Pirwood the Wolf (though be bad wealth enough of bis own) be also forgat not to tend feberal Prefents, not once or twice, but oftner. De bolding this course with the

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Pobles, was not in the mean while unmindful of watring often on the Bing, and with anoch boods, and a bing pretence of bonefly, to lul bim effeep, eben to a Lethargp of fecurity; for the Bing being old, and tearing me complaints, was well pleased, that be bad conftinged Substitute who was able and willing to free and discharge him of aff trouble. Then the for, conceating bis intent. feemingly behabed bimtelf mott uprightly; and indeed he toas to circumfped as be would never ofbulge bis mind. until be fato a manifest occasion offer it felf bery plainty. Some time being paffed, the Pobles were all met together at the Logo Pitwood's boule, to which Weeting the For came not, but attended on the Bing, whether neces firated thereunto, ez purpofely, is not well known. At this meeting, the For's great worth was highly magnified, and Pirwood bimfelf errolled bim to the skies. ad. ding withal, that be was fit to rule a kingdom. Thete words being minded by those tobo sudged all be faid to be true, fpurred them on to theat diffopally of their Sohe raign. Aberefeze Bruin the Bear breke bis mind thus. De is indeed a most worthy person, and is more mine is the disloyal ful to recompence and pleature bis friends, than the time himfelf; for what gibes be to any of us? If we brim vantage; and bim Prefents, be for the prefent only thanks us, and at tertoard neber moze thinks of us, of our Prefents but the Lord Reynard expects no gifts from us, and per is neber wearp of conferring Benefits on us. To the magnified (by Birelas the Ape affented (for he was newly come from Rome) and faid, 909 Depheto the Logo Reynard is not only wife, but courteous, affable, and erceeding mindful of Benefits; pea, and where be neither bath, no can expect to babe reaped any commodity, there also bis benebelence is largely ertended. It is true indeed. frib Firapel the Libbard; and bis near Biniman, Sly-look the Panrber owned as much. At length one among them fato, If a bacancy fould happen, hall we not do well to eled Reynard for our lawful Bing : Pes, fato another. me may do well in fo being ; but it is not time to rais of fuch matters as pet. 20, no, fato Pitwood the moulf.

Alfothe Princes fecurity Subjects adwhenfoever any man in power is other potent men) above his Master. and the King his after evil spoken of, actual Treason is ready to be produced, as this Chapter clearly thews.

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tre half endanger our Beads by fuch a discourte (as this) is whould happen to come to the Kings ear. Has fives, for us to imagine such a thing, before we consult with the Lozd Reynard thereabout, to know whether he will accept of our good endeabours, and hand by us in it, and affile us with his wealth and friends, I sudg it a bery great impudence, it not a rall and besardous folly.

To these wards of his, they all affented, and for that

time fpake no moze thereabout.

CHAP. XII.

How Bitolas the Ape informed Reynard of all that paffed at the Meeting of the Lords.

Off the incrow early. Birelas the Ape journeped to bis gephew Reynard's Caftle, and when he was let in, be take to the For in this manner:

Donoured Depheto. I bear your commendations to highly commemorated, as I am above measure loved thereat. The Bobles are all at your debotion, there is not one of them, but he is ready to hazard Life and Fozmue for pour further advancement : Dou know mp meaning Repteto, do peu not ? Pes Uncle, faid the For, I know it well enough; for Iran flep but one flep bigber. and I think not time asper to begin that afcent. 20. no, faid the Ape, pou miftake me, Repbeto, if pou think Imention this to engage pour Lozofbip in any rat attempt, but rather that you knowing pour friends, map the better understand bow to use them, when accasion is. Poul peak bery well, Uncle, fato the For. Will pou do one thing for me ? Pes, tato the Ape, that I will Coufin. if politile. Then faid the For, go to every of the Lozds apart, and found them, to fee bow they fland affected; and being me an eract account.

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As in all Treasons. fome one fon isemfat hom the all the other thewsgreat craft in the Projector : had diffented. he then had a fair occasion to accuse all the other, and fo clear himfelf.

not one diffenting, but largely promiting to basard all to invest the Lozd Reynard with Regal Power. Only he perceibed that the Bear fcrupled bis Dath to the Bing & principalper. because be said. If be were but absolbed there from, be would be none of the backwardeft to promote this defign. ployed by the All this be related to Reynard three daps after. Then Grand Proje Reynard faio, fmilling, Uncle pou babe done me a great ctor, to found kinoness, I will repay it ere long. As for Bruin's doubt, the intentions I can eafily remobe it; for I am fire the Lord Pitwood of allthe Con- will absolbe beth bim and mp felf from that Dath eripirators, fo tozted from us by the King, fo foon as time shall ferbe here the Ape for effecting this buffne's: Pet we must not only relie on is employed the fabour of the Lozds, but by the best means we can, by the Fox to engage the Commons alfo. It is true Bepbeto, faiothe Ape; but how that will be done, I cannot tell; for if Affectionsand Soldiers bould betfted, that would neber be done fo Refolutions of fecretty, but it would be blazed abroad, and fo come eafth to the Bing's ear. Do Mincle, faid the For, that is un Confederate. the way. The must proceed after another manner than Trators, This bifibly to raife any Soldiers : Cach Logo muft by par mile and reward engage as many of the Commons as be can , pretending a pribate Quarrel, in which be would habe their afficiance, and therefore injopn them to be for if any one ready armed at any time, when be thall call.

> Bitelas the Ape, admiring his Pepheros Willow. Caid . This is the directest way to raise an Army inbiftblp. To this the for said, if we intend to effet our builiness throughly, we must not bifibly raise soloters until the bour appointed be fully come; then both squares will go we wall soon know; and if one Exploit prosper, all the other will succeed accordingly, and we thall need the femer Soldiers. Therefore the firefs of all lies in managing the bulinels well at fird: If we mifcarry at firft, our Delign will fcarcely be effected; nap, it is well if our own Muin fall not in as an Ap. The Ape bearing this, faid, Pou do well pendir. Coufin to premife the word; this feems to me a fure prefage of the future Chent, that it will be exceeding prosperous.

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CHAP. XIII.

Of the Discourse between the Fox and the Wolf, and of another Meeting of the Lords, and what was agreed on among them.

The For, now filled with hopes of obtaining the beight of all power, refolbed to let pats no copportunt. to of promoting bis befign ; therefore, the first letture. time be had, be bestowed in Conference with the woolf. make not only promifed his Affifiance, but also to absolve him, and the Bear, from their Dath of fibelity. Aefling the for, that all the Lozds be was fure were like minded with bim. If to, faid the For, it were necestary, lobing uncle, to summon the Lords as pribately as may be. That is done already, faid the Wolf, and thep will be all here by and by; but I willed the Wellenger not to fummen you, because I intended to soon as they were all fat down. to dispatch an Herauld prefently to you. This course I thought would be beft, for whofoeber thould at that time babe been with you, they would babe judged, that the ming was here, and fo not babe offered their ferbice to come and attend you bither, because of the bake all know you are mont to make when his Wafelly fends.

By this time feberal of the Lozds were come in, most of them entring through the back-gate, for fear of being whether. How as every one came in, he first falued the for with great Reverence, then the chief Prelate Regrin, lately kiled Pirwood. Without all were come, and each fate bown orderly in his wanted place, Pirwood the Wolf food

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up, and bowing bimtelf a little, faid, sop Lozds, bere is now prefent the Roble and Putffant Lord Reynard, of whom Fame barb made fuch a leud report &c. I babe disclosed pour intentions to bim, and be bery well approbing thereof, now gibes poutbis meeting. Then the for frood up and faid, Mp Lizds, and tebing Friends, Jam not ignozant of your affectionate de tre to adbance me ret one fep bigher than I at prefent am. I alfo am infor. med, that fog effecting this, pou will bagard Life and Fortune, (tor which I give you great thanks, and will not fail to return a proportionable recompence, if eber I attain the wished end) pet I cannot understand, pou babe to pour felbes proposed what wap to take to bring about pour purpofe. Then Sir Bruin the Bear, lately made Garl of the Fozefts, faid, Dible Lord Reynard, we are all ready to ferbe you, and follow the Directions your Lord bip Ball think good to propose. Abe For bearing this, faid, be could propose an expedient course, which being taken, would further the defign, and pet. not be perceibed; but tefoze be did that, be defired to be absolved from the Dath of Fealty, which he and Briin the Bear Moze to the Hing. Abe Lozd Pitwood bearing this, flood up and faid: I bere abfolbe you. Leed Reynard, and pou Sir Bruin, of the Dath pou babe taken. &c. and scirare absolbed. After ibis, the for bowing himself began to speak thus. Worthy Frienes, it is well buston unto us all, that we have need of the Commons; fez as no man can work without lands, to be can neber accomplish what we intend, without the affiftance of many moze than we cur felbes are. Also for procuring their afficiance we must not publickip inbite, of folicite any, of otherwise bire and lift, as is ufual in fuch Cafes. Aberefeze there is but one way left us, and that is beft, and will be moft fecure. The way is this; Let every one of us bere prefent, by promite and reward, oblige as many of the Commons as we can, tel. ling them we require their aftifiance in a pzibate quarrel, and therefore would tabe them be ready (but fecretie) in Arms, till we de call for them: This map

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may will both conceal our defign and our felbes, until fe Here it ap. think good to difclose our felbes and it. The Bobles bear, pears, that ing the Fores proposal, approbed thereof; and bighly Flattery and praiting bis Wittoom, faid, They would put in practite Distimulation what be had to prudently adbited to. Then be again food are neceffare up and fatd, Taligiby Friends, if you think good to put concomitante in practice our addice, we also judg it expedient, that all of Treason; fpeed poffible be used, because delap map produce danger ; for had not and indeed lich defigns as this fould be as foon executed the Fox waias thought on. Aberefoze I request pou, and as Confe ted on the derates adjure you to use all diligence this ebening, and King as forall day too morrow, to oblige as many as poucan, and merly, his ab. then to meet bere to mozrow-night, that we may deter- fence had gimine what to do, and appoint the bour, in which we will ven cause of fer abour the buffness, and dispatch it. fuspition.

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Babing fato this, the Apeeting broke up, and the Lords went forth one by one, as privile as they

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CHAP. XIV.

Of their last meeting, and how they determined to surprise they attempt the King and Court the next night following.

ants before they attempt dangerous Defigns.

The next day the Fer went to Court, and tarried forecast how with the King until Dinner-time; then with great to secure submission and seeming Loyalty be took his leave of him; themselves if who doubting nothing, dismissed the For with great chear- it happen sulness.

Taben Reynard came home, he was not tole, but staped at ted; as here is home all that day, not only to be to be Fortiscations of evident by his Casse, (for he under pretence of repairing it, had all the Fox his ready fortised it strongly) which he liked well, but also to forcifying elamine his stores of Prodision, observing what was desand furnishisten, and supplying the same that day, that (it need ing his Casse were) he might abide a Stege to the consustant of this Ene- to abide were) he might abide a Stege to the consustant bottoms fiege if need here. Here was should be.

as he levied privily, be kept there, with a plentiful allowance of all that was needful.

Qui malum agit lucem fugit. Conspiracies and Treasons can at no time fo ly be contrived as in the Night; because then gether unaway undifcovered.

Dow the Evening being come, so soon as it was oute dark, be goes to the amolfe's boute, where be found all the Bobles inft come in befoze bim. De obserbing that not one was milling, concluded that all were right for bis purpole, (as indeed they at that time were) therefore be, full of joy and content, spake to them on this commodiouf-manner. Warthy Friends, I am not a little pleafed to fee pou all fo unanimous. To this they all fato thep mould libe and die with bim. Then be bowing bimfelf. faid. If pour Melolution be fuch after pou babe declared what power pou babe in readineis, I will disclose mp in. Conspirators tentions, touching the time and manner of erecution. may meet to- As to our Power, fato Str Firrapel the Libbard, we bada general Weeting in the Fozest befoze we came bitber. feen, and pass because toe would be rightly informed thereabout; and among us all, except only the Lord Pitwood, who was not with us, we find we are able to raise at an bours warning three thousand Soldiers. Then the Wolf taid, and I, mp Lord, am affered of four bundred at as thort a warning. Well then fato the Far, I percetbe your Logalites, for which I gibe piu thanks; I mp felf habe also Six hundred Soldiers ready when I call for them. These Forces rechoned together, will a mount to no less than Four thousand, a power sufficient to carry our Delign through all eppolition and difficutty. Daving said this, be paused a little; and at length frood up again; and faid, Westhy Friends, it now remains, that we fully and unantimoufly agree about the time and manner of executing our delign. Aberefoze, Roble Sirs, if any of you can debife a vetter toay for effecting what we intend, than I my fett babe thought upon; I would habe bim fpeak firft. To this they all re-Bited, Poble Lozd Reynard, we all are pour Bottours Serbants, you may command us, we cannot advice you; but whatfoeber pon hall propose, that we will do to the utmoft of our power, let the ebent be what it will. The For bearing this, fato, For this your Loyalty, I will remard

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reward every one of you with such gratuities, as you Hopes of Recould neber expect from the prefent thing. And, as to the ward, and futime, and manner of erecution fince pou leabe it to me) ture advance. my judgment is, that the laener the better; per bicaule ment maies it is necessary that our Friends and Alies. I mean the Conspirators Commons by us ingaged fould have timely netice to bold and adhe ready; I find it is not not pollible to let about the bull- venturous nets tooner than to mogroto night. Therefoge I to ulo Befides, all babe pou, and all pour Soldiers, to be ready embartelled in Traitors the Pozelt to mozroto in the Ebening, fetting out fptese, themselves hery may to intercept all Dangers, that no Lales may be are very libetold : Aben witt I, inben I fee the time, gibe command ralin promifor you to march. But firt, I toould babe two or three fing; asapof you, with your Soldiers, to go to the Court, and if pears by the pellible to furpzife the fame, then by a Bellenger to fig Fox, who nifie the Surptifal thereof to us, that we may with all promifeth to Forces come in immediately to reprets all Bellfance exceed the inbatfoeber that may be made by any of the Bing's Soms, King his Maor minsfelks, if they happen to escape the first comers, fter, against and thould by that Alarum deabo to themselves a muttitude of Auxistaries which may fruarate our intentions. For it is to be underflacd, that if the da not our bust- conspires, and ness to purpote, the shall never long bold our gettings of whom he in peace and quiernefs ; therefore, fince I well know, contemptuthat the Bing and his Sons be frong and ballant, 3 oully speaks. think it most ergedient for pou Sir Firrapel, with Peur Evil Defigns Couffn Slylook, to take with you your own Forces, and fuch as well boluntatily follow you; and at the time 3 are never hall give command to march first (pet fecretip) to throughly the Court, and there to demean your felbes right ball, executed antly, that you may with the greatest fpeed, and least without great notte, furpette the fame ; abobe all, be fure poutake care effufien of that neither the king bimfeif, not any one of bis Children blood; for of Nepheros (who Junderstand are all to sup with the the shadow Bing to mogrow Bight) escape pour bands, but be either of a man tertaken alibe. og killed outright. Babing faid this, the rifies a Mur-Libbard and Panther flood up, promiting to undertake therer. espethe charge imposed on them, resolving either to effect cially if it be it throughly, or to die in the artempt. The for thanks of an Allie in

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ed them. and added, Woozthy Friends, we cannot be too circumfpet, 02 warp in this matter ; therefoge I mog it fir to ule one policy moze, and it is this. Do you two go. to the Court to mogroto in the fozenoon, and acquaint the King that I am gone a bunting for to recreate mp felf a the King, nor little, because I habe lately been greatly wearted mith mp multiplicity of bufinefs, and alfo that the Lord Pit. wood is bufie in preparing a Prefent for bis Spajene. should be for- Then di pou enquire of bis Sons and Depheros bow then red; bis rea- do, and ne will animer, they will all be bere anon : pon hearing that, may fap, pour will come in the Chening. and falure their Logofpips. 189 this means your approach in the Gaening will be lefs fufpeded, and pour deffan much moze easily effected. They bearing thie, bumbly thanked bis Logoftip fog bis fingular adbice, which renneed their work to eathe, as they now bad no deubt of accamplifbing the fame. Then the for directing bis Speech to the other Lozds, fato, As for pou my Lord Pitweod, A leabe to pour the leading of the Clan of the Bodp uf the Armp remaining; and to to pou ptr Bruin I commit the Care of the Rear. I prap, mp Lords, be careful and cirsumfoett, command vour Soldters to march with Silence; to from as pou are marched out of the Forest, you haft fee me with my Sir handred Soldters. Pet I will not forn with pan, but march on one fide, at a canbentent offiance, that I may the better obserbe what is to be done; and alfo, the more comm diouffy receibe intelligence, and gibe intructions, og come in to refcue if need be. 90 Intelligencers of Scouts fail be Sir Tiberts I ineage; ober whom be bimtelf fall be Captain. Abis is my Determination, therefore deubt bim not. And although in this my charge, I habe particularly fpcken unto four of poucnip, pet (as peur friend) I requett, and (as peur C'teffain) command you all to be prident, and berp toarp in pou proceedings, let each of pou addie, and encourage his own Soldiers, and by pour obedience to peur Supertoze, teach them to be obedient to pour felf; for thus diting, pou pour felbes fall reap the profit, and I be the mize enlaged to ferbe you in time to come. Moon this.

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this, they all again promifed to bazard Life and Fortune, and to be every one (according as be speulo be placed that day) chedient to his Superior. After this, they depart each to his home, for by this time it was bery late.

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CHAP. XV.

How Sir Firapel the Libbard, and his Cousin Sly-look, revealed the whole Treason to the King, &c.

OR the morrow when Sir Firapel and his Cousin met, they both looked less cheerful than they were wont; and therefore asked each other the cause of his fadnets.

The Libbard firtt fpake thus:

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Coulin. I am troubled with the thoughts of what we are going ab m; for I consider we have no reason robe Araptors to our Soveraign, because he never in the least degraded of injured us, but always admitted us as Friends and Companions; and indeed be its a Prince descring the lobe and not the batted of all his Subjects, much more of his Lords, and in an especial manner of the Lord Reynard, and his Unice liegrim, since called Pitwood. But now engaged as we are, we are in such a freight as what to do I cannot tell.

Then the Panther Cato, Trulp Coulin, I know mit what to think, I have been so perpleted all this night with the confideration of my Diffogalry, as Jam non even at my Witsend. If we bewrap the Plot to the Bing, be is fo well concerted of the Lozo Reynard, as he will not beliebe us; and so we are in danger of dearb for failing accusing him, who is the fallest of all Hibing, at will not flick to ruin all us, to be may but escape bimen Befides, bis language is to imooth, and be is to craft and subtil, as it will be impossible to probe a tittle of al we can tap against him. Do, no, said the Libbard, # we having deciated all to the ming, request bim to detail us in his Court but for one day, until our Logalty be proped or disprobed, and in the mean while not be known me babe bewraped the Plat; we when the time appointed is come, may tock over the Battlements and call to Sir Tibere tobo will be fure to lie bery near, that he may give inizitizence) telling him the king and his Sons are dead.

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head, the Logo Reynard map now come in fecurely; then fre Thall quickip fee out felbes our o Danger, and the Aurhors of our trouble brought to condign puntibment. C ufin. fato the Panther, 3 like pour Counfel weil; but if we be detained in Court all dap, and come not with our & whiters in the Evening to the place of Kendezbouz, Reynard will prefently fmell the marter, and let fall bis prefent deitgn. but immediately run to Court and accufe us. "Ats true. indeed, faid the Libbard, we are in a bad cafe if the rebeat the Areafon, and it is bery bazardous if the rebeal it not. and any other do ; our canger will be the greater. Therefore, fince we are to fratined, it is better for us of thefe two Ebils to chuse the least, and speedily to rebeal the Treason, let the ebent be what it will.

To this the Panther consented; and so they went to- This Chapte getber to Court. Wiben thep were come befoge the ming, thews that and had bawed themfelbes, they thought to tabe spoke, some men but neither of them could for hame and grief. The hing are eafily noting their defected countenances, faid, Friends, why wrought upare pou fo fad ? D Sir, faid the Libbard, the confideration on to confent of your Majefties clemency, and our own unwethiness, is to Treafon. the caute of our prefent grief. Touby (fato the Ming) fpeak yet will very pourbus ? Because Str, said the Panther, we babe been unwillingly to immorthy, and indeed to falle to your Spajetty, as to put the fame bnowof a Areafon (intended againft pour Ropal Berton, in Pradice; Crown and Dignity) tog at leaft four dages, and not to re- but rather, to bealtr ; and that which most of all perplered us, is that fave thembe gabe our confents, and promifeo to ato and affit the felves, reveal Lraprozs against pour Pajetty.

Dere the bing interrupted bim ; faping, Treafon ! and bould have tooke more, bur for rage could not at prefent. Libbard and In a little time bis weath abating, te flernig fato, Cabo Pancher did bette Araptoza: at which words the Panther and Libbard trembled erceedingly, and faid, The be those A raytous who diflogally compired yeur Majettes Death. The king bearing this, snew not what to fap, but suppesed they were mad. Therefoze be again asked them; whilat,

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do pau accule pour felbes, are you Traproza? Des, we are fald thep. Then the Bing faid, would pou babe parden Des, fald thep, if pour Bajetty to pleafe. Pleafed Fam m pardon all that of themfelbes make complaint firft ; there. fore I bere pardon you, bow foul fogbel the Treafon be. probided you will reheal the whole Conspiracy, and Confpirators. At thefe words thep took courage, and (after Dheplance) fato, we will not only rebeal the whole Treafon eracip, from point to point as it is; but will atto (if pour spajetty totil att by our abbice) beltber all, m most of the Araptors into pour own bands, to deal with them as your Digbness Wall think fit. Weil, faid the Bing, first let me know the Conspiracy, and Conspira-

tors.

So they in all points declared the tobole Treafon am Traptors, from beginning to end, as you have beard, Then the King fato, Dow fap peu, afl the Lozds! Pes, Sir, faid they, from the bigbell to the lowell, there was not one itat confented not. It is true inteed Sir Tibert mas not at cur Deetings, but be muft needs be patby to it; for be is made Captain of the Scouts that are to go before the Army ; and undoubtedly be may be feen in of about the Court this night, if a diligent fearch be made for bim. The Bing bearing this, was abobe measure troubled, and would ofren babe fent for Reynard, bad not bis elden Son, and bis other Friends present perswaded bim to the contrary ; sap. ing, We bahe often beard your Majefty fap, pou babe twice fabed Reynard from death, and that his Loyalty of late bad to far repaid the Becompence of all bis fermer \$9. Comeaneurs, that you had no cause to repent of all, or any of your labours. Hath it not been too too often feen, that some who receive greatest Benefits, are most ungrateful to their Benefactors? And is there not a Probert, Save a Thief from the Gallows, he will hang you if he can: All this is true, faid the Bing, but fure our Coufin Reynard is not a Traftoz. Tothis, his Son and Friends faid, Sir, while your spajetty is of this mind, the depth of this Treafon can neber be fufficiently known; for it Reynard be fent for, be will deny all; and it be be quilty as me beliebe

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he is) accuse others mot maliciously, and so (if pour soa-A well mean; ietty gibe credit to bis toozds) estape bimfelf, and another ing man can. time put that in practice effectually, tobich now (we have not easily be good reason to bore) be can neber be able to accomplite, perswaded to with thefe and the like words, the ming was withoraton entertain bad from bis intent of fending for Reynard the For. Theres thoughts of fore be turning to the Panther and Libbard, faid : Withich any one, that may can you enerbate this Treafon, and deliber the hath former-Traptors into cur bands! They answered, sop Lozd we ly been his think it not politible to deliber Reynard himfelf, because be friend ; as apalready intends to come laft ; and in furpatial of the other pears here by Lords, fome one og other of Tiberts Lineage will enter in the King, who among them, and then feeing what is done, acquaint Rey- would not mard there with ; but for melt of the other Lozds, we may believe that make fure of, before any thing of our intent is perceibed, if Reynard was a Tibert, who will be fure to come this night, enter not with Traytor, &c. us into Court. For if pour Bajetty will be rightly informen by the effect, and be recolbed to take pour Traptors acting their Treason, we must babe leade to depart and go to the place of Mendezbouz at the time appointed to meet the Soldiers by us lebred, which will be near fig hundred; with thefe Boldiers we (with pour Bajefties leabe) will enter the Court, and left Tibert fould discober our intent, will counterfeit a fight, as againft pour soajefties Buard, and then rufping in, will by and by crp, aff is our own. Taben this is done, one of us will call to Tibert, and fend bim away, telling bim we babe Rain all the For ordered thould be flain, and charge him to make bafte. Abus we hall accomplift all things well; and undoubtedly, before intelligence can be giben to Reynard, intangle most of the Robles in their own Bet.

The Bing liking the project, confented to their departure; and to foon as be bad difmiffed them, be confulted Here is also with his friends what to do; they addie bim to double bis thewed how Guards, and to call in as many of his friends as could be necessary the called in to fort a rime : but that all might be kept fecret, advice of not to acquaint them with the prefent banger. The king Friends is, in oto all things as they addited, and ordered all pathate Abe- a time of

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CHAP. XIV.

How the Forces of the Lords met at the place appointed, and how Firrapel and Siy look entred the Court, and enforced most of the Consederates, and among them Tibers the Cat.

Car Firrapel the Libbard, and Sly look the Panther, were no Cooner gone from Court, but they bafted all they could to Reynard, who was at home mairing their coming : for the tobale binge of his business depended on their Intelligence, bow squares went at Court. When they came near bis Cafte, be came forth and met them, and faid, mp noble Friends pou are belcome, how is to pou flaved to long ? To this they answered, Bott excellent Lord Remard, after toe bad spake unto the Bing according to the Juftructions we receibed from pour felf; be enterrained us with a large discourse of pour Werits, telling us bow bigbly be was pleased with your Lorolbips great offit Here is Treagence, by which be could take his pleasure without fear of for repaid care, adding many fuch like expressions too long to be now with Trearecited ? we were confirmined to flap by this occasion, chery. otherwife we bad waited on pour Lozoftp focuer. Aft. is well, said the for, pou are come soon enough. I bould have you noto to mind your libes, and fee your soldiers be all well armed, for fear of the worft, because pour know, it is ordered that you give the onser. To this they replyed, my Lord, we are ready to cher your command, and to they departed about their Lebies, but not with the fame intent as Reynard Supposed, So foon as it began to be dark, the Soldiers in Aroops repaired to the foren, where their Lords were ready to arrend them; and when they were all came, they embatteled them as foon as was possible. Reynard's Espial gibing binaintelligence they were all ready, be gabe command for their March; accoldingly Str Firrapel and his Coulin Sly-look marched out with their Bir bundzed Boldiers, babing not many Woluntiers out of the other Companies, because each Lord Arobe

to babe moft Soldiers. Reynard met this forlorn Bope. and faluted the Leaders bery courteoully, but fooke not So on they march until they come to the Court. gates. Wi ben there, they fland a little and make a prefrended scuffie with the Bings Buard, who well knew the Bings mind, and fo relifted but coldip. But befoze Sir Firrapel was entred bimfelf, be charged Tibert the Cat to wait in one certain place without the gate, that be might the better inform bim bow fauares went ; and be, when it mas time to be gone, babe no let; withat charging bim to command bis Soldiers to lie close round about the Walls of the Court, that if called to on any fide, they might prefent. Ip he ready to run and gibe intelligence. Tibert bid as he mas commanded. Row when Str Firrapel and bis Coufin Sly-look, with all their Soldiers were entred, and had flap. ed mithin fome fmall time, Sir Firrapel failed not to call to Tibert aloud, faring, the dar is our own, bafte quickly and tell our Lozd Reynard, that all are dead whom he commanded thould be hilled. Tibert bearing this, fent two of his Soldiers to the Lord Pirwood, who was not far with the tobole Army, to tell bim the Dewes; but ran bimfelf to the Lozd Reynard, and fato, Most noble Lozd, pour tenomned Captains Firrapel and Sly look habe fully executed pour Lordibips commands, and all pour Enemies are dead; this they bade me tell pou. The for bearing this, faid, It is good Dews indeed, if it be true: Arue, Sir, faid the Cat, 3'le warrant pou. Rebertheless the Fox like anold Soldier would not beltebe the firft remet, but fent away Sir Tibert, commauding bim to enter into the Court, if posible, and then to tell him what be knew. In the mean by Hear-fay, tobtle, Reynard commanded Picwood the Welf to march un but require a to the Court-gates with the whole Army embartelled as thep were, and then to make a frand, and call to bim all the Commanders to addite what was fit to be done frill (as befoze) withing bim to proceed wartly, and to be well infozmed, befoze be attempted any thing. But the Wolf being ober-credulous, and abobe measure joyful at the Bews be bad beard, forgat all counted of wariness. Therefore, being COTTIE

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come up, be found Str Firrapel, and bis Couffi Sly-look. nanding without the Court gate, with all their Soldiers ready embartelled within. At this fight, be was confirm. ed tu bis former conceit, and therefoze flepping a little be. faze the Armp. be faluted them, congratulating their profperous fuccels. To this they antwer, the indeed, Covetous and noble Lozd Pitwood, did at first find some refisance, but greedy mindour Soldiers couragioully fighting, foon obercame the Guard, and then the Bing and his Friends were without difficulty dispatched. Row mp Logd, if it be pour plea- gerting all fure to walk in, and if your Bonour will fend for all the good and Commanders, we may the better confult what is fit to be wholfome done within, when we are all together; and besides here counsel given is flore of Probifions which were left of the feaft. Bere them, rulh the woolf interrupted ; Probifions Sir, faid be! I am in headlong uptruth hery bungry, babing walked about all this night; on their own and with thefe words proffered to go in. Then Sir Firra- raine, where pelfato, I befeech pour Lozofbip firft to command the Ar. matter of my to fland fill embartelled as thep ate, and then to fend profit is for Sir Bruin, and our other noble Commanders ; other- frewed as a wife if pour Lozdibip only enter pour felf, the other Lozds baie. will fuspect some Treason is plotted by us, and so an irrecoberable diaraction and danger will follow. It is well considered, Sir Firrapel, said the Wiolf. So the Wiolf prefently commanded the Army to flay and reft themfelbesthere, where they were, but that the Commanders fould all repair unto bim. now gone into the Court. Toubich order was scarcely well understood before the wolfwas entred within the Court-gare, be was in fuch bafte to fill his velly, as be supposed be would. Low with bim Sir Tibert would babe entred, but the Soldiers diligentip matching on purpose to prebent bim, (for they bad order . fato do) put bim by, faring, be might come in anon after the Pobles, adding allo this, Dere is not formuch room within as to let in every one that comes. waited till all the Lords were come to the Gate, and feeing the guard of Soldiers to open themselbes to make wap for them to come in, addifed a Repbew of bis to enter in at one fide of the Bate, and Alp between the Soldiers legs, and -

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CHAP. XVII. .

How the Fox consulting with his Uncle Bitelas the Ape, returned to his Castle, and dismissed part of his Soldiers.

Arms, of which he was too too furely informed by the Kan-aways, and habing just befoze understood haw all the Louise were betraped, he was almost at his wits end. Bicclas the Ave feeting his Cousin Rylard to exceedingly obsercome with grief, said, Cousin, it is not the first time you have deen in danger, and yet have obsercame all difficulties, tudy not now: Ah Uncle, said rie Fox, there is a bast difference between twat I then was, and what I am now, or at least was but three bours ago. And I too well know, that the greater any one is, when he falls, disfall is to much the more dangerous. We fore I bered some sew only, and those not considerable persons,

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perfons ; but noto I babe displeased the Bing bimfelf, and Great difaftall bis mott intimate friends ; therefoge I muft needs be ers aftonifh urterly undone. But Coulin, fato the Ape, babe you not the most pomabe fome Probifton befoze band to fecure pour felf in licick. efpecithis time of need? for ebery one that is wife, will always ally when the probide for the word. Pes Uncle, I have done as much as knowledg could be, for I fortified my Caffle long befeze, and babe thereof flored it with all ferts of Probifion : but pet I am in a comes unexherp great frait : If I draw all this Company into Ma- peded ; as lepardus after me, their number is to great as I fhall not here is feen he able to bold out a long Stege, especially if all the in the Fox. nzibate abenues of my Calile be ftopped up, as they will who alto be fure, if the thing with his Forces thall come to fit though behaton befoze it. Fog to foon as I, og mp Soldiers fall be fore never reftrained from fozage, fo many mouths will quickly de had a fhift to bour all. And if I dzaw not in with me a fufficient num-feek, yet now ber to make falltes out upon mine Enemies, then thep is so confounwill adbenture to stozm og blow up iny Fort, and what ded, as he thall become of us then? Trulp, it is an hard cafe Cou-knows not lin, faid the Ape, but cheer up; and first of all withdraw which was from this place, leabing the mings high way, and betahe which way to pour felf and Soldiers to Cobert, in fome by Lane, that turn himfelf. if the Bing purfue, be may not find pou. Thus deing Pou will babe feme respit to decermine of pour Barch. According to the Ape's addice, the For withdrew into a bp-Lane with all bis Soldiers. Then tis Uncle a. gain faid to bim, Dow Couffu pou need fear no furpzifal, at leaft foz an bour oz two. If you like not to baffen to rour Caule, and there to abide the brunt, what is your betermination? I cannot at all judg it fafe for us to go to the Ming, especially whilf his rage is at fuch an beight, as it muft needs be at ibis time. Aberefoze I judg. notbing will conduce moze to our fecurity, than to protract the time, the belt way we can. Indeed Uncle fato the for . I think it will be best to do as you fap; but the many mouths we babe to feed, will endanger all. Toby Coufin, you have a remedy for that. Inoto you not that three or four bunded in a fort, will be able to refift ten thousand in the fteld. Pes Uncle, quoto the For, I

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well know it; pet I would babe moze than three bundzed, gra moze than four bundzed Soldiers, if I were cure not to be blockt up too coddenly. Cousin, caid the Ape, pau must determine comewhat speedily: We ruled by me, I pray, chuse out the weakest of your Soldiers and dismiss them, and retain none with you, but such as are stout and resolve Warriers. To this the Fox bearened, and presently discharged three bundzed and odd of the weakest, but the strongest with him were near four hundzed; his Army being increased by the Rum-aways who were retained nill with him; and because the night was sar spent, and he durst not abtde where he was till day-light, be by a swift march came to his own Casle by break of day.

CHAP. XVIII.

How the Fox was pursued, and many of his Soldiers that he dismissed, taken by the Pursuers.

(X) Wen Firrapel the Libbard . as afozeweibed . bad routed and dispersed the Army that lap before the Curt, not long aiter it was thought conbenient to fend cut other fred Soldiers, in pursuit of the For and bis Cimpany. The Leader of thefe freit Sildiers was one of the Kings Friends, that Supped with him that night. We babing no quide to direct bim where to find the For, bade bis Soldiers to ite in wait for firag ere. So thep otd. and in a hogr time one of them laid bold of one of Tiberes Lineage, and cried out a Spp, a Sop; the Caprain bearing this, faid, bind bim and bring bim bitber: Wiben be was brought bound to the Captain, be asked him what be was! he told bim, be was one of Sir Tiberes Mindged .. Tall then, faid the Captain, go along with us, and them us the place where that Araptercus Lozd Reynard is. So on thep went with this their Guide to that bery by Lane in tobich Reynard and bis Time Bitelas had been , but were gone. Aben be again ramined the Butde, if be knew not where they were gone. The Guide told bim, whither they were

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were gone he could not tell, for whilst they were with their Soldiers in that bp. Lane, be was fent out with feheral others to lie as near the Court, as they could, to gibe notice if any marched out to attaque the Lord Reypard. And that be habing lain thereabout, did at length return to that place, but found neither him, nog bis Soldiers, except come few that were difmiffed by bim, as they faid, and were going to their own homes. Wibich map went thep, laid the Captain ! this wap Sir, faid the Guide, (pointing wellward from the Court) and if pou baften, pou will obertake them, for they go not fall. The Captain babing tots intelligence from the guide. commanded bis Soldiers to follow clote. In a little time they found two og three, and paffing further on, found feberal others by threes and fours in a Company; this courfe they beld till they bad gleaned upalmoft an bundzed. Then the Captain fearing to be ober burthened with too many Petfoners, gabe command to purfue no further. . so be with these Prisoners basted to the Bing, but be bad marched out to far in purfuit, as it was Sun-rife ere be came to the Court.

CHAP. XIX.

Of the Examination of the Traytors and Prisoners.

When this Captain with his party were come into the Court, and the King by him understood that Reynard was fled: He then, fearing no Enemy, commanded his Purbeyozs to being Peobliton in abundance, that he and all his Friends might ear and be merry. The Purbeyozs made ready as foon as was possible, and the King and all his Friends dined bery chearfully; after this the Serbitozs dined, and what was left was given to the Captibe Peifoners; but the Araylogs all this while had neither eat not deums. Therefore the King commanded, that what he Peifoners left, the Araylogs should babe divided among them. This was done accordingly, and they had no more, any of K 2

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them except Tibere, to be by good fortune bad a Mouse giben him by a certain Soldier, who found it dead and trod on in the Court. This present was so thankfully accepted by Sir Tibere, as he promised to require him who gave it with

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Tallen the Bing and bis Friends bad dined, as foe faid; The thing locking on Str Firragel and his Coulin Sly-look. faid, Dow mp Doble Logos, I percetbe pon babe tolo me a truth, pou babe in bery deed conbinced me of that maich I could not other tothe habe beitebed, although mp incredultry bad coft me my life. I thank pau both for pour Lavaler, and all paumo Friends for pour fafthful adhice and affiftance. Bow Tjudg it conbenient that the firft granting the Petioners, and afterward the Traptors; that if we find any not gulty, toe may dismits them. Ahen Sir Firrapel ftood up and faid, Doble Beince, Ido heilly beliebe that all the Capribe Prifoners are not quilty, for they were led by their Lords, but about what they could not tell as by Gramination pour Bajetty will clear. ip find. Well then, faid the Bing let Reynard's Saldiers he first called. So when they were brought before the king. his Daiefty asked them. boto they durft take up arms againft bimfelf ? Some of them answered, they were bired Soldiers, bired by the Lord Reynard, and by bim led forth the last night; but about lobat, or for tobat cause, they neber knew, till fome of the other Lords Soldters runin among them, faging, the whole Army was either killed, or taken; then indeed (fato they) we mistrusted we were led against pour Bajesty, but pet of that could not te affured, because those that fled from befoze the Churtgares unto us could not tell who were their Enemies. only they faid, they who fet upon them came all out at the Court gates. The Bing bearing the simplicity of their antwer offmiffed them. and all the other Prifoners, fridly charging them to be ready at his Summons, when be thought good to bunt the Araptoz Reynard. Attep all boto. ing the miethes promited they would couragiously fight against the kings Enemies. So they all departed fafely to their own bomes.

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This being done, the Bing fald, Dato mp Friende, I perceive that this is Reynard's book, it is managed to craitily; for I plainly fee, that not one of the Commons is quilty of this Treason, because they knew nor tobat they went about. Aber fore let the Leed Pitwood be fielt called. So Piewood was becught in before the Bing and his friends, with Bellin's Women bis back, quaking and rembling : The Bing no fecuer fam bim, but be fternly Malefactors faid, Bull eff the Willatn's disguife, that we map fee of bafe fpirits him, as be is. Then did Str Firrapel and bis Confin and glutton. Sly-look, immediately tear of Bellin's Bown, and when ous disposition all the Company faw it was Ifegrim the Wolf, they laugh ons, are in ed heartily. As foon as they were all filent, the bing their afficien faid, Thou weith, what moved thee to confipte my more dejected great Honour! Is Treasen Keligion: De, is Purder than others; and Treafon birtue in a Dieft ! At thefe wogos the and the ter-Molf was to frighted, as be pift fez fear. Et length rour of pube faid, The Lozd Reynard gabe me prefents often, and nithment is often foake to me, that I fould commend bim befoze the moft griavous Logos, at length perimade them to effablift bim in the to fuch, be-Kopal Theone. And was that all fato the Bing ? Des, cause their all indeed Str, faid the amolf (and then pil again) except vexation arithat we must with bired soldiers (who must know northing feth not from befoze-hand of the Buffnels) come bitter and kill your the norrour Pajefty and all the Moral Family, and then fet the Crown and deteftation Reynard's Dead. Chough, enough, faid the Ming, on of their Lake away the Utllain, and chain bim to a frake, and forepaffed to keep bim with bread and dirty water until I call for evils; but So the Reeper who had charge of this Prifetter, from a fenfe took bim away, and bound, and fed bim, according to the of being ut-Bings will. terly deprived

Then the King called for Sir Bruin the Wear, who was of liberty to immediately brought and examined, and after Gramina-perfift in that tion was found to acknowledg bimmelf guilty of the Area course of life. con; only he pleaded, the Thelf and the Ape initigated him thereto. So he was taken away and bound, and sed as the former. After him all the rest were called one by one, and all except Tibert consessed the same as Bruin

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old. accusing the Ape and the Wolf. But Tibert the Cat pleaded not Guilty; affirming as he was Secretary to the Wolf, he was obliged not to redeal his Pasters Secrets, therefoze he was clear of this Areason. If so, said the King, why did you lead a band of your own Lineage?

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Tied none Sir, but went where I was fent, faid the Cat. Then the Bing faid, bo'o far pou Sir Firrapel ? Wightp Mince , fato the Libbard, This Sir Tibert was made Captain of the Scouts (which were all of his own Lineage) by the Lozd Reynard; and if Scouts know not what they go about, and go only where they are fent, Ileabe that to pour Bajefty to judg. The Bing bearing this, faid no moze, but, Away with the Tragtoz, look to him Beeper. Then the King arole, and be and his Friends malked out into the Court-walks.

CHAP. XX.

How the Fox with his Soldiers made incursions the next day so eagerly on several of the Neighbouring Beafts, that they complain to the King.

Ouring the time the for was in profperity, and bada: bundance of all things, either giben by war of 102e. tents. 02 obrained by Delinquents fezfettures, the Bitgh. bouring Beafts, that dwelt not far from Reynards Caftle, bad reft and peace; and therefore without fear were mont to walk abroad in the day-time all there abour. But when Reynard was fled home in fear and great dan. ger, with his Soidters, intending there to abide a Siene. and protract the time as I mg as was possible, (for te hueto be was non uncapable of mercy) be en a finden fet ferth with two bundged Soldiers, who he commanded all to go alentip along up the Wedges tobich encompated a large Warren, where many Contes oweit. Thete Contes Commonly fearlese, and inspecting nothing, played and shipped at the most baut in the Sun Ibine, as they were daily wont to do; but peaceable Suddenly Reynard with bis Soidiers rusped in among feel the fire them, and flew two bundged curright prefently, all frokes of botch he boze away to bis Cafile. And immediately War. returned again, where feberal She goates fed their poung ones, all which poung ones be and his Soldiers felsed and carried home. Pany other Incuritons be

made that dap further into the Country, and made great babeck and fpofl. Ar this all the Reighbouring Beafrs mere a'arum'd, and refolbed to frand upon their defence. But when thep underfrood by the eldeft of the Goats and Conies, who it was had done their Detabbours this great inzong, they refolbed joyntly to go together to the Court and complain to the Bing; for by this time they had all notice of Reynard's Treason and Rebellton; and therefore had no doubt but thep fould be beard. So thep in the Evening came in troops to the Court gates . tobere the Guard feeing them, demand the cause of their coming thus in multitudes? They answer, The are come to complain to bis Bajefty of the great Dutrages Reynard and his company babe committed. So the Guard acquainted the king, tobo immediately came forth to them; faring, Wibo is it that bath wonged pou! The Contes antwer, If pour Bajefty be pleafed to bear us, we mill truly declare what we babe fuffered. The thing faid. tpeak, we will bear pou. Then one of the eideft among them faid.

Dzead Soberaign, The pour Pajessies peaceable Subjects, being imployed about but occasions in tending poung ones, drew them forth to take the Air in the moning, the Araptor Reynard Iping in wait (as it seems) with many Soldiers, suddenly sew two bundred offus, (for so many poung and old are missing) and bear away the Bodies to dis Castle of Malepardus, for there we saw dim plainly go in with all dis Soldiers, every one of them bearing one of our dear Friends, and Unissolds dead; this we could not bake known, bad not some of us addentured to run after them, to see which way they went, and who they were. Abus souch the Contes.

The Goats also made a like complaint of suden surprising their kids befoze they were aware. And all the other Beats who had sustained wrong, exhibited their Complaints with tears in their eyes, earnestly requesting his Pajesty to take compassion of them, and to a benge

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beinge their cause of such a bloody Hurtherer. The King (in a rage haking his curied locks) said, We content, if J live I will avenge my self and you, on that cursed Araptoz Reynard, to marrow by this time, if pessible. So they bowing themselves bery submissible, departed.

CHAP. XXI.

How the King with his Kinsfolks, and the Soldiers of Sir Firrapel, and his Coufin S/y-look, marched out of the Court to Malepardus, and there summoned the Fox to furrender himself.

Farly in the Bozning the ming wifed Sir Firrapel and bis Coufin Sly-look to command their Seldiers to make ready for a March, for be bould fpeedilp march to Malepardus, to be abenged of the Araptoza Reynard and Bitelas. mibenthe Boldiers were ready, the King fers out first with bis elde ft Son, Kinsfolks & Friends; then followed Sir Firrapel and bis Couffn with their Soldiers, of whom, and of Berbitogs, one bundred were left in the Court, to keep Buard there, and fecure the Prifoners. When all that mere appointed for this Expedition were gone forth, the Court gates were diligently fur ; and the Bing bimfelf being foremoft, made an balt, and turning bim to bis Son, fato, Son, I this day commit the leading of the Armp to pour feif, that if possible pou map babe the bonour of finding out, and subduing the crafty and Trayterous Marlet Reynard. Therefoze lead as you pleafe, toe all will follow, as well was we can. So this young Prince bowing bimfelf to bis father and friends, faid no moze but march on Sirs. And indeed be led fo bard, wirbout speaking ought, as he got within fight of Malepardus hefore Roon. Taben be fato the place, be flood fitt, and to did thep all. Then the ming faid, now Son it will be good to reft bere a while, and in the mean time to confider what we have to do. First of all we would do our best to learn of what arengeb our Enemtes be, then whether it be best to bestege of assault them suddenly. For if we do not one of thefe, our labor will be to no purpole. If they will not

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not come forth to fight us. the must either begirt fite place with our pololers, and to by length of time ftarbe them. or fuddenly with fire and fluozo endeabour to force the Cat. tie and to datoe them forth. Dis fan faid, mp Lord, to fena cut Scouts to difcaber what they can, is mott neceffary t hur to begirt the Caftle, we habe not forces enough, met. ther is that combenient at prefent, because we know not the pribate Whenues and Boles belonging to the Caffle. ed the danger bowfar they are ertended, and they may happen to lie within them, and by that means when we only expect an Enemp before us, thep iffutng out, affault us bebind, and War, without on eberp fide fuedenip. It is well thought on, fale the Ring. Aberefore fend out some of the numbleft Soldiers to efpp whether they fee any paffing to and fro in the Ca. Rie. 30 Spies were fent, and charged to lie clofe at a good diffance from the Cafle round about. In a little time they discovered feberal Beafts laden with Probifions in pals in by boles under the Walls of Malepardus; and a there not loaded, coming forth further off, and among their Scouts there was one, who tee the Carth caft up juff hefaze bim' be iping close a little tobile, at length fee Rernard bimfelf putting forth bis Bead ; but be elapting that the Coaft was not clear, drew back : then did this Scout leap to the Bole, but the for bad filled it up fo in that Short time. the Scout could not fo much as put in one bank. the op this fer a mark, and lay ftill, at length be foped one of Reynard's Soldiers coming forth of another bole a tittle further off; bim be tuffered to come quite out, and then tummediately fetzed bim, and carred bim to the Bing. Others of the Scouts fam like pattages, and forme of them took of Reynard's Soldiers three or four other that were laden and going to the Caffle. with the nad the Scouts were returned, it was found by their Melarian. that none went into the Caffle laden by those pribate boles, but by larger boles juft under the Cafite-malls. The Bing bearing this, gramined the four Prifoners that were taken laden with Brobinons firtt; thep rell bim. that the for and bis Mucle Bicelas were within the Caule. and that with them the Soldiers in number were not apope

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habe Three bumbred tebentp-fibe in all, and that be hab mare of Probifions of all forts; pet fearing that would not be enough, one balf of the Seldlers mere vellerdan imployed in fogabing, and the other balf to day; withal adding, if bis Pajetty were pleafed be might take near an hundred of them with their booty in a flort time; for near many were till out, and bad not returned fince mozning ; because they who went out petterday bad so alarum'd the Country thereabout, as near bome nothing could be ant. Then the Bing immediately fent out a great Party. here and there to lie in wait on every fide. Babing done this, be eramined the Soldier that was taken coming out of an bole that lead from the Cafile. De faid, that the Lozd Reynard (as be fill called bim) being infozmed bp the Soldiers, tobo returned into the Caftle with their Boatp, that there were lpers in wait, and that pour maiefty was near with an Army, was refolbed to go forth by that Abenue tobere be was feen to put out bis bead. to fee whether the report was true, and finding by bis own erpertence that it was too true, be prefently commanded me to run to the soldiers that are per out, and bid them to retire into Cobert till night, and then came bome ; this Thad done, had I not been taken, as pour Majetty fees. as the Ming gabe command to fecure the Petfoners, Fet that they thould be uted well. After this, the ming again canditing with his Lords, determined to fend a Summans to Regard to deliber bimfelf and Cafile into the Traytors haaings band. This Summons they judged conbenient ving forfeired m fend speedily, befoge the For mem what Arength the their Lives, aing had, left in the night be spould work them some grow despemischief. Do Dir Firrapel the Libbard, with what Com- rate, and will pany be pleased, was appointed to Summon the for to hearken to no heliber up bie Caftle. Sir Firrapel accordingly took Summons. forty Saldiers with bim, and came as near to the Caftie but at the as he thought be might with fafety, and called aloud, hearingthere-Dir Reynard, Dir Reynard, bis Majelty commands pou to of, are the deliber up pour fort, with all the Ammunition pou babe, more entainto bis bands this night, otherwife be is refolbed to nie ged. all extremity to force it. 189 that time be bad ended bis Speech.

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socech, a hower of flones was poured down upon bimand bis soloters, which burt many of them, and doubtless bad they been nearer, would habe billed maft of them. air Firrapel thus answered, baffens to the Bing, and theres bim some of his Soldiers wounded. Apon this the Thing refolbes to be rebenged; therefoze faid to bis Son. Ban. I fee it will be long work, and we habe not Salbiers enough to lap a Seige. Therefoze when those pou habe fent out be come in encamp pour felbes as fecurely as pour can, either in the place where you are, by further off from the Caftle, not fatling to keep good Buard all night; and I in the mean time will return bome, and fend out mp Dandates for railing the Country fpeedily, and then un. boubtedly we hall dispatch this buffnels to our content. Sathe Bing went to Court, and bis Son encamped the Army, who for that night supped with what the Scours brought in.

CHAP. XXII.

How the Fox's Soldiers in the night affailed the King's Camp, and what enfued thereupon.

A Frer Supper the Watch was ordered, and Officers appointed to change the Centries often, alfo to fet Durdues to lie round about the Camp. All this while the for was not idle, but being extreamly discontented that be bad loft fo many of bis Soldters (fuz the Bings Scours brought in abobe forty with their Bootles) fludied bom be might molt annop bis Enemies in the Bight. Therefore in the dead of the Atght be fent out a party of three bundred, adbifing them to march fliently, and to encompass the Camp round, and when they were ozawn bery near to it in their encompfling, all at once to cry out aloud, Boto for the Lozo Reynard; and then timmediately to affaulctbe Centries firft, and afterward the Camp it felf (for be knew the Enemy were encamped bery close to-Betber, fo as three bundred Soldiers all in a File might conbeniently encompassit) on every fide. This party was

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led by bis Wincle Bicelas (for the For would rather late all the friends be bad, than endanger bis own perfen) toba bere fiele marched bis Soldiers in the form of an bate Bion, that to thep might keep together, and pet be in a poffure ready to begirt the Camp fidoenip. Abis enterpile of bis was perceibed by the Purdues, and timely intelligence giben to the Lozo Firrapel, who himfel watched. De therefore on the other fide of the Camp deto out This Chapter his Soldiers, which be bad in readincis, and dibiding thews how them in two parts, led one part bimfelt, and left the other provident part to the leading of his Lieutenant; then march they Commanders faftly round the Camp of two fibes, to meet with the enervate and Dorns of the Gnemtes Balf-Poors, which they quickly frustrate the met wirb, engaged and routed, and purmed them till they policy and were deiben close together, just befoze the other Bare of rage of their the Camp, right opposite to that cut of which the Logo Enemies. Firrapel iffued; the other Siloters that were at reft in the Camp, being allarum'd, thep flank their Enemies, woo mere turned both ways to refft the Lord Firrapel and bis Lieutenant ; in this milerable plight, come throw down their Arms and petid themfelbes Prifoners, others are flatn out right, (among which Bitelas the Ape, their Captain, was one) many taken, because of their Thounds. which neebenred their flight, and some escaped to carry the Bems to Malepardus. After the fight was done, they numwed the Captibes, and found them to be a bundzed and fir, the dead they accounted not till mouning; but then it appeared, that of the Kings Soldiers were flain fir, and feberal wounded; but of Reynards Forces forty eight, fo that of the three bundred that iffued out of Malepardus,. there returned but a bundzed and forty fir. Thus in one dap and a night Reynard loft two bunozed of bis three bunded sebent pibe soldters, which be feared would be too

CHAP. XXIII.

How the King gave command to proclaim all Traytors that affifted Reynard, promising pardon to those that would defert him, &c.

Farly in the morning the news of this Widorp, and of the death of Bitelas the Ape, was carred to Court ho one purpately tent thither to acquaint bis Baie ftp hom matters went. The Bing greatly pleased with the news, thought of another way to weaken Reyvard, before the Countrey old come in. Therefoze be by the fame Beffenger fent an emzels ozder to bis Son to dzaw our all his Forces out of the Camp, and to march to Malepar. dus, as close as was conbenient, and there in bis name to proclaim all Traptors that affifted Reynard, withal promilling pardon to all that would defert bim. Apon this Bestage the Bings Son dew out all the Forces be had (leabing not one in the Camp, for be feared no enemp) and marched ofredly to Malepardus; being thither come. and mithin the bearing of those within, be commanded flience, and afrerward caused the Creer to proclaim all Traproze that affifted Reynard, but prefent pardon to all those who would within three bours defert bim. Apon the bearing of this, near an bundred of Reynard's Soldiers fled from bim, and came and offered their Berbice to the It is common. Iting. But ere this was effected, fome thousands of the Commons tobo bad been fummoned by the thing, march the followers ed toward Malepardus. The mings Son Reing them. fent out certain Scouts to enquire what they were ! they anfwer, they were funmoned by the Bing to come and affift bis Son, in taking the Araptoz Reynard. So the poung Prince being glad of this Supply, ato forthwith command them to begirt the Caftle. Thep accordingly ipe down befoze it all that day, but fee no enemp ap-In the mean while, the Mings Son ozbers the pear. Lozd Firrapel, and bis Coufin Sly-look, to imploy their Soldiers to march at fome diffance round about Melepardus, that where foeber they faw any Abenues, og pribate boles, thep

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they might flop them with besty flones; withal commanding to fet out Scours, who would lie close in manner of Purdues, the better to descry the outgoing of the Enemies. All these things being done, no Enemy was feen, either to appear in the Castle, or to come forth by those wibste Abenues, (which as fast as they could they stopped

stopped) of by any other new made hole. Aberesoze now northing was thought on but a storm, yet night being so near, they judged it not seasonable to begin the Mault until meaning; in the mean while, care was taken that the Poles and Abenues Hould be watched all night. This was acceptingly done.

CHAP. XXIV.

How the Fox's Castle was stormed, and all within it killed, only Reynard himself taken alive, as the Kings Son commanded.

Bold Adventures are hazardous, therefore the wiles of an Enemy should always be surfaced.

E arly on the Spozrow fealing Ladders being brought, and afl things ready for a Storm, (the Soldters only walted for the word of Command) Sir Firrapel the Libbard was commanded with bis Soldiers to begin the al. fault. But the fer who all this while was not tole, bad probided for their coming before band, and round about the Calle Malls on the incide bad digged deep Trenches of a great depth, which flood full of water, by bim dzawn thitber from a Spring, which flood within bis Caftle. Dber this Trench upon the Walls be had made a faile Battlement feemingly frong, on which when four hundzed of the Soldters (commanded by Str Firrapel) tao ger up, the Battlements breaking down, thep fall turo the Arenches, where most of them drowned one another in arthing to get out, the rectous were killed by Reynards Soldiers.

Ahis oberthzow perpleted Six Firrapel and the Pzince erceedingly; for the positiolity of troming it feemed now to be taken away. Aberefoze the Prince consults with all his Friends about the prefent Business. After a little rime it was agreed by them to fend up certain Soldiers to the top of the Wall, with order not to attempt to leap down, what productarion soeder was given, but to shoot and fling at their Enemies, if need were, and we espy how the Abenues belonging to the Castle bad their

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They accordingly march up round about the Here is feen Cattle, and met wirb no fmall probocations from the & how Affailnemp (tobo were bit few in number) pet thep obserbed ants adventuwhat they were commanded, and between whiles well ring too rashblemed the Trench, and ober it they etpped feberal Bito ly, are taught des, many in number round about, pet all of them were by their own fa narreto, as but one Saldter could pals a breaft upon lois to be afthem at once. This intelligence being gibentothe Beince, terward more he commanded two thousand Soldiers to imploy themselbes warv. in opentug the Abenues, and making them wider, which mas fperdilp done ; then be ozbered moze Soldters to afcend the Malis, thereby to amufe the Enemp, athing them command to hout and fling, but keeping in their places. Wabilit this was doing be fent in fir bundzed Soldiers through the Abenues, and commanding them to finbt refolutely, and get ober the Bzioges, then to flap all thep found in the Cafrie, ercept only Reynard himfelf ; and Promife of for their encouragement be promifed them among them full one half of the Booty that hould be taken theretn; Reward is and that if any died in the attempt (as be boped none absolutely bould) bis Wate and Chilogen fould babe all bis part ous necessary in ly giben to them.

waith this encouragement they boldly entred the A. attemps. benues, fame of which frunk to abominable, as the Sol. diers were almost poploned; nebertheless they baitned forward, and gut to the mouths of those Boles where they plainip law the Batoges, and Reynard's Soldiers franding bere and there one, bery near them. But by the mouths of the Boles they fam another out-let, one of which being opened, it was found to be one of them Boles by which the for's Soldiers were wont to enter, when laden with Bootp. - Upon this Sir Firrapel gabe command, that all the other Poles (which were as many as there were private Abenues) fould be opened; this was accordingly done by the fix bundzed Soldters who were in those Abenues, but durft not benture ober the Bridges. Dow when they faw great numbers might speedily babe entrance that way to back them, they were encouraged, and boldly let forward.

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Wet in the mean while Reynard's Soldiers attempted to pluck up the Bidges , but because they were for at hort from the top of the walls, and alle from the mouths of the Bales, they could not effect what they defired. Therefore as they gabe back, the Bings Soldters came formard. and in a bery Wast rime abobe one thousand got ober the Bridges ; then they flew about like wild Beafes, hilling all they found, and indeed all that were in the Cattle M. ed at that time; and Reynard bimfelf bas brocht damn with a Bartle-are by a Saloter who knew bim not; but bis fellow feeing bim about to still the For, fato, That is the Arastoz bimfelf. Then that Soldier who had knocke bim down, led bim out of the Caftle, and carred bim to the Prince, tobo rejoiced erceedingly that his Enemy was taken altbe. Afrer this, the Soldiers that firft entred. bad balf the Bootp, and the refidue toas dibided among the whole Armp.

CHAP. XXV.

Of diffolving of the Army, and how Reynard the For was carried Prisoner to the Court, and what passed after this.

A Scoon as this work was ended, and the Caffle demolithed, the Prince fent home all those Soldiers who
were raised by Summons for his Affisance immediately,
and then with the two bundred Soldiers of Sir Firrapel that
remained alibe, and all his other Friends, he marched to
Court, leading the For along with them. A little before
sum-set they were all come to the Court, where they were
welcomed by the king, with great expressions of Joy, only
some sorrow was intermited by reason of the loss of those
four hundred brabe Soldiers who were drowned and killed
by the For's policy. Aberefore the king at that rime besore bestate down, declared that the two hundred Soldiers
pet libing should be retained as a Guard soy his Person,
and over them Sir Firrapel the Libbard should be chief commander,

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mander, and bis Lieutenant. General of all Sorces that bould be raifed at any time eher after. when need bould be. But unta Sly-look the Panther, Firrapel's Coufin, be faity As for poump Lord, I intend to conflictute you the neeper of inp grozes, and Steward of my Boute. After this, be fpase to all bis Friends : pzaifing their readinefs and balour ; and to them be promifed Bifts and Rewards, as foon as all bis trouble was ober ; therefore be willed and defired them not to depart, until the Erecution of Reynard and all the Traptoza was paffed.

withen the thing bas ended bis peech, bis Son asked bim, if be would fee the Traptoz Reynard ? The Bing anthered, 20, not at this rime, let bim be bound, and otiligently lookt to, that be escape not; Whom this, the Soloters that guarded the for, baled bim to the Pation, and there in a fitnating bole chained bim to a fake that was fig-

ed in the ground.

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Then the Bing royally featled bis friends, and the two Lozds, Firrapel and Sly-look. Alfo to every Company of Deloters be fent a large Pittance, fo thep all frades right jogfully: But the Prisoners in the bearing of all this were almost pined with bunger, especially liegrim the Molf. After the featt was ober, and all the king Derbitogs bad supped, they gabe to every Petsoner a few fcraps, and carryed into them a fmall quantity of dirty water. And indeed their utage was to bard, as they all eben wifed Death rather than Life.

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GHAP. XXVI.

How the Fox was brought before the King, and Examined; of the Answer he gave; and how he and all the other Traytors were condemned.

A the B frew the thing titting among bis Ables and Friends, fatd. I suppose it is now bigb time that we gall Reynard befoze us. To tableb they all affented. There-Faze Sir Firrapel ment to the Pitfon. and commanded that Reynard Bould be brought torth. Dis teeper prefently obeping looked Reynard from the ftake to which be was chained. and by bis chain led bim into the kings Pretence. The Bing at the light of bim was to fraught with Ire as he could not fpeah, until attette time being paffed, bis furp was allaped; then be faid aloud, Falle Pticreant, bot dereft thou to bold up thy bead, (for the for feemingip un daunted, Bedfaftly looked upon the Bing) tobo art fo loaden with Mices, as the word of all libing Creatures is not more bilet was it not enough for pon (bale Traptor) to infimilate into my affections fo far, by Diffimulations (an now I have great realon to judg) as to engage me to inben that montrouff wicked and cruel Beaft Regrim, with an Dfice (que to the beft of Creatures) and Little la benoutable ; but alto to perimade me to create periotome Bring Carl of the fozefts; and fatt of all (as if befoze Pau han not been bile enough) to inftigate thefe and all mp Bobles at once against me; and all this for your own bale ends. tobich can neber be accomplifted ! Babe I bonoured pou for this end ! De would any Creature Ithing habe thought that be tabo I moft bonoured, would babe conspired mo Kuin most: Tabat savest thou to this?

To this the For faid not one word; but at last bung dotten his head. The King said, speak wretch, or I will pronounce Sentence against you speedily. At last the For said, My Lord, I have so many Enemies that it will be in bain to say any thing contrary to what they have as

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firmed; and tince I know I must die; I bere befoze pou-Bajeftp declare I am guttep of tobatts laid to mo charge. and mould have fain your Daieffy (faz which I am now right foremful) if mp defign bad not been fruftrated bo the Areacon of Firrapel and bis Coufin. It is enough. fato the Bing, call in all the other Traproces, that as thep conspired together, fo thep map together hear their Senrence of Death intly pronounced against them ? and then their Crecuttan thail quickly folloto. So all'the Trattois were brought in. Then did the king with the advice of his Friends, in this manner proceed to judgment. Since poware all now together (ercept Bitelas the Ace. toho died adeath too honourable for bis merit) we judg it meet pou bould all bear pour fentence at one time. A becetibe Retand first bearken to pour Sentence: Because pour babe Trapterouffp endeaboured the Subberfion of our Babernment, and Ropal Dignitp, I condemn pou to Death. in this manner to be erecuted upon pour Frit, pou hall be manged contumeliousty from this Place to the Place of Grecurton, and there pour right band thall be cut off. alrerward you mall be hanged by the neck until you are dead dead. After death pour bead that the cut off. and together with your right band be feeup tupublick bieto en fome conpicuous place, for a terroz to all Araptors for the future. Unto the Wolf be also repeated the abobe-falo words, and manaunced the fame Sentence eracip in all points. But anail the other Adaptozed be only pronanticed the Dentence of Deach trimanner and form as pour babe beard. ercept in curring off their beades and right bands, willen was not mentioned in their Sentences. 20 11081 2

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CHAP. XXVIL

Of the Fox's Confession, and the Execution of himself and all the Traytors.

Is the Chening of the fame day that Audyment was given, the ming and his Friends again confuired together about the place and time of Crecution. At length it was agreed on, that the place thould be on the outlide of that Fozett, out of which the Traftezs marched to put their design in execution. And the time, the next maxing early. In the mean while, that all things thould be problem in readiness, and the Prisoners babe notice of their dead

fo near approaching.

Doto toben the Mozroto was come, and the Bing and his Friends were gone befoze to rake their flandings commo ofouffp to aboto the Press; (which thep been would be great) The for bimielf, and all the other Traptesment led out of their feberal Prifons; then were their legs and hands tred, the Balters with which they were to be bank ed, were faltned about their necks, and by them they were dragged (botth boutings and flours of the multitude) to the place of Erecution: When their Ladders were erent against the Trees, (which were more than enough to have all the Traproca) and each Prifoner, by bis Erecutioner, led up those Ladders, and immediately the Executioners fairned the ropes to the Trees (Auppoling they multie banged as foon as they came there) because it was the cufrem of their Country in other Cafes to bang Waltis does prefently ; but the ming habe to the Grecutioners. and faid, Be not too balter it any of the Prifoners will purge bimfelf by confession be shall babe as free liberty as any one of our Subjects bath, tobo deeth on his bed. The For bearing this, faid,

Dread Saberaign, and you my Lords here prefent, I am not a little comfarted, that I have liberty to ease my mind, which is rozely burthened with the horror of my Sins; I

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babe been a loose Liber all my days; I have often pretended Bandity, and amendment of Life, pet all was Opportise. I flew Kayward the Pare though Bellin died for Murcher will out at one time or another. Subtlety berrays the Innocent to death.

fortt: Db Bellin, the death, and the great rufn that baib eber tince befeft the famtly, tsall the effect of my falle. ners. The Bing hearing this, was extreamly troubled and lato, What! habe the put to death a righteous perfon through falle information? Alas! what have we done? To this the For fato, It is fo, n ble ting, I am the perion tobo wrought to great michief and I also periwaded peur Daje Op to adbance Sir liegrim the Wolf, and Sir Bruin the Bear, for my own ends. I ithewite was fo wiched, as designedly to give them and all the other Logds Bifts and Prefents often, and then fpake to Hegrim to perfmade the Lords to make me King in your Bajeftes flead. as they would babe done, if Sir Fi rrapel and !bis Coufin had not betraped us all. Befides, in all cales that eber were brought before me, Jalways more fought my own interest than the execution of Justice, pet was still feemingly jult, by which means I gained to great Kiches, as I not knowing mp felf, would babe been what pour Bajefipis. &c. Then the King faid to the For, Well Reynard, I babe beard you, and do now plainly perceibe, that if you bad oled for your first faults, pour bad not Ithed to habe perpetrated to great and enormous Crimes; therefore for the future, neither fair words, noz ought else chail oblige me to parden Walefactozs deferbing dearb.

The thing babing faid this, ogdered the Executioner to da bis Office ; fo be immediately cut off Reynard's right band, and afterward turned bim off the Ladder. In the mean white the Bing spake to Sir Isegrim the Wolf, and fato, Megrim, have you any thing to fap before the Grecuttoner os bis bis Diffice ? Bothing, Sir, faid the walf, (looking reguishly) except I was drawn in by the far's functiep; and his great promites made me forget mp Lapalty to pour Pajedy, and readily to abfolbe both bim and str Bruin or teelr oath of fidelity (worn to pour Majelly, and by me administred. Db execrable Millain, faid the Ring, what! durft pou release any Subject of tis Moorn fealty to us: After this the King would not bear bim any further; but spake to the Erer cuttoner, and fate, Disparch this Mariet out of my fight quieble,

Riches puff up; and when men of low degree attain to great wealth and honour, they (not know ing how to bridle their inordinate Appetites) do v.ry often aspiring higher ruin themfelves, as by this History is plainly evident.

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outchip. Bo the Executioner prefently cut off bis band, and then turned bim off the Ladder. Bert to bim Sir Bruin the Bear was asked, if be had ought to fap ! but be antwered. 123; and so was quickly turned off. After bim all the reft in agoer was asked, if they would fap any thing before they died! but they all answered. Abey could say namoze than they bad already faid in their Cramination; therefore they were all turned cff. After it was supposed the Araptors were dead, the thing gabe command thep finia be cut down, and their bodies buried in one Pit. Accordingly they were all cut down, being all flark dead. errept Tibere the Car, who fitred a little, therefoze bis beatus were beat out by one of the Guard; and the bodies of them all were theoren into one Pit, except the Beads and right Bands of Reynard and Hegrim, tobich were carried tathe Palace, and there let on Pales, placed on the uppermol Lawer of the fame, to bigh as they might be eaflip feen by all that passed by the Court.

Abus have pou as true an account of these matters as ther was given by any man that saw them not. If you would know what this grand Areason produced, peruse the following Chapters which will inform you more plain-

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CHAP. XXVIII.

How the King and all his Nobles returning home, ruminated the Fox's Confession, and what was the effect of their consultation.

When the Traytozs were buried, and the Pands and Peads of Reynard and Isegrim fixed upon Poles, as is said. The king and his Robles (being come home) far down together to the Court, all of them pondering much the woods of Reynard touching Belius death. At length the king (as one greatly perpletedate), App Lozds, and Friends, it griebes me not a little, that our Chapl. Bellin, was long since so basely put to death, and his Family ruined so, as I que kion whether

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Although in- any of that Drock be notoremaining in the warfo. this one of the things friends (who was prefent when legrim mas chafe chief Dielate) fato, Siberatgn Lozo. thun n't fo. for I am certain. that many of them were Ithling when legrim was made Prelate; because I there can feberal of them, but would not be known I fa'n them. for fear of pour Mieftes difpleafure againft them. cause of their Sire, sato the thing, it is not pettible! I suppose pour epe decetbed you; boweber, if it were to then, it is ton pashable, that they are all dead fince, because the Sons and Bindged of Hegrim, although bery numerous, bad all of them farr-Bowns like Bellin's (which Hegrim himfelf maze) not long after they were confirmed in the Patello nigh at hand. Function: for many moze of Megrim's thindged came into him after the choice of the Commons, than were that Dap prefent upon the Scaffild with us, and pet all thete had fuch furr. Biwns, which thep could neber babe bad. if fo mane of Bellia's Bindged bad not been firft flatn and Mothis, the fame Lord replied, Roble Sir. ftript. &c Tam moft certain, that in fecret places of pour Majefties Bealm, there are thousands of them pet libing. It is well if it be fo, fato the Bing. After this Difcourfe mas ended, the king again fato, Webethy Friends, I ton mell know, that we habe confirmed the Prienty Diffice. not on liegrim only, but on bis whole Lineage and Bin. died, who are all rabenous Beafts boid of all goodness; nap I think, the worlt of all Creatures Ithing; although the Fer by bis fubriley blinded mp epes, and liegrims pretended demure carriage altenated mp Judgment. For had honest Bellin per libed, treacherous Reynard could weber babe thought of working our ruin; noz eber could that curfed & fcream Ifegrim, babe contributed as np aff flance to bis diffigual intentions. The poung Prince feeling bis Fetber fpeak with fo great earnettwels, faid, Royal Father, wip is pour Pajetty troubled at the Abbancement of Hegrims Lineage? let it be Cignified by Proclamattan, that in their father's Crime, thep babe all fogfetted their Offices; and befides, that upon good and fure grounds, pour Bajefty well bnows

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anches that they are the Defiropers of your Subjects, and continually in their masked Babits, and under a prefence of Sandity they rob, and pill them fo bare, as of necedity pour Bingdom must be ruined if they be permitted to libe in all ercess and rior; for of all the Beatts under pour 90aie flies Authority, there are none fe debauched and bictous as thep. This Speech of the Prince was feconded bp febe. ral others of the Bings Friends, all inheighing bitterly againft liegrim's Lineage. The Bing bearing this, fato, Prudent ad-Birs. what think you is beft to be done ? If we lap afide vice to avoid this Generation (I mean diplace them of their Effices) yulgar cen. and pet let them bold their Mealth, thep map in time fure. hp their Kiches work no great wring. To this that Friend of the Bings wbo firft tpake, faio, Deble Sir, to lay afide this implous flock is boncurable ; but to take away their mealth will babe no good afpect in the epes of the Aulgar (whose censure to seldem right) because they will impute Many men their difplacing to arife from no or ber caute, than that they willingly are mere rich. oz (to fpeat moze plainip) becaute pour Bajettp blinded, and mas disposed to seize on all they lad. Therefore if pour by cunning majeff please to displace the amothes, there needs no care Sycophants mhe taken of the witealth they babe; for if other of your oppressed; Subjects, whole eyes are open, do but once find that they because they are out of your Majefips fabour, which way the wealth of judg of things thefe Wifcreants mutt needs go, any one (without the help as they apof Adrology) may eaftly conjecture; because tobenfoeber pear, and not ther are diplaced and our of fabour, there will be fo mar as they really ap complaints made of their Estortions, as (undoubted are in them. Ip) all they babe will be too little to make recompence for felves. the wrong they have done. Belides, if none of all this be, they are luch monarous & luttons as will be neceffitated to eat up all to a fort time. Den far well, faid the Ming ; I beartily beliebe, if all those Wolbes were but fript of this their difguite, and compelled to put off their Masks and Furr Bowns, the Blind then would as clearly fee as the Difguifes other clear fighted Bealis pou fpeat of. It tstrue, no conftrain ble Ming, (lato the fame 1020) pull but eff the Wash, moft men to there needs no moze. Well then faid the Ming, that I judg amis. will not fail to do speedily.

CHAP, XXIX.

How the King made Proclamation, that no Beafts should walk difguifed in other Garments, than what were natirally theirs, and what enfued thereupon,

The nert day early the king caufed a Proclamation to be deaten, the tenonr whereof ran thug.

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umbereas feberal of our Subjetts mear Difquifes, and fince under fuch Bashs and faile Babits, many wife chiefs babe been committed, and fome of those Perfons allomed to mear fuch like Difguifes, babe probes Aray. tozs to our Kopal Crown and Dignity; The therefore will and command all our Subjedts tu general, whether bigh oz low, of what flate of condition fceber, that after ten days nert enfuing the Publication bereof, thep prefume not to wear any Difguile whatfoeber, not at any time, day oz night, to waik thethed in orber Garmenes than what are naturally their own: upoft pain of beim proceeded against as Araptors to our Mopal Crobin and

Dignitp. &c.

After the preclaiming and pullfbing bereof, liegrim Lineage were greatly perplejed, tecaufe there was mit one of them, if in Diffice, but be wore a Furr Gaben. which was not bis own natural Garment: Therefore they consult together what was fit to be done in such time of affitation as this. But in all their confuitail. ons they neber thought of mending their manners, but bow to infinuare into the Bing's fabour, thereby to prebent this terrible floam, that (they fato) would make greateft fpoil among them. But because their Harber Ifegrim, and Champton Reynard were bead, thep could conceine no bope of obtaining their end, unless op betbing Some of the principal Courters. Atis they refolbe upon and though orberwife extream cobetous; therefore ebery one liberally offers part of his wealth, which being athen into the cultody of two of the oldest among them. thoir

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thole two journers to Court, and carry (or cause to be car. Wicked perried) with them a great mais f & teafure tobich thep pre fons in diffress fent to Sly-look the Panther, who was lately made the think not of Ming's Steward, and Reeper of bis Stores; withal pro taking good telling to bim, that they were utterly ignozant of their courses, but Fathers Treaton, and therefore defired the mings Fabour fludy how by and Protection, which if be would procure, as they doubted indirect not but be could, they would (upon receibing his Maje- means to acfies Mopal Parent, fog preferbing them in their Difices quit themand Babits) gibe bim twice fo much as they bao now felves of the welented bim with. The Panther takes the Prefent danand with a pretended fecrefit, cautes it to be conbeged in ger. Alfo they m bis own Lodgings ; then be bids them watt a while, being unand be would mobe the ming in their bebalf. They fiat faithfulthemmitbout in bopes of speeding well, but Sly-look thetes aft felves, can vethe Treasure be bad taken, to the ming, withat telling him, bow be came by it, and for what end it was prefent The king bearing bis relarton, and feeting to great a mais of Wealth, with a premite of twice fo much; feared they would (being to rich) be able to inture bim at one time of other; therefore, before he would let the Panther gibe any anthers to the two Tercines. be adviced with bis Logds and friends thereabout. when they beard the whole marter, they told the Ming, if his waje ty pleased, they could easily rid bim of his frat; for, fap thep, let pour Steward Sly look put themiff for this time, with a delay, fapting pour Bajeffy is not at Taben they come again, let bim tell them, or les they being bim moze Treafire, be will not creuble bimself in the business, of the like. If the Steward manage bis affairs well, be may eastly get all their Mealib into his bands, To this the Bing faid Jam content to leave the butiness wholly to my Lord Sly-looks dicretten. Therefore mi L 20 (the Bing turning bimielf to the Panther) Sly-look, I gibe rou as large a committen as pou wiit, probided pou de not in mp name promite & continuation of their Difguile. The Paniber goesto the two Wolbes, tells rbem, bis Bajeap is now ber? buste in Council, therefoze be can do nothing till the nert

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nerr day, then to foon as he understood they were come, he would speak to the King. But nerr time they came, he told them he had presented all that they gabe him, to another Lozd, and let himself nothing; soz he perceibed they had but sew Friends in the Court, therefoze he should need much moze Areasure than they gabe him yesterday, other

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other offe all be could do would fignifie nething ; foz, fald be, if less than four Lozds be engaged fiz pour toben pour business cames to the Wite, it will be limpastible to earry it. With thefe and like Erozefftons be dzero almost all the misalth of Megrims whole Lineage into the Mings Coffers; sat length brought in these two Walbes before the King. waten the Bing faw them, be faid, what do you already begin to tread the steps of the Araptoz pour Father: Thep answer trembling, 123, and it please pour Bajeftp. with then old you betbe my Steward with fo great a male of Wealth: moze I fear, than ever you came bonefly by. Arthis, they flood amazed, and knew not what to Then the King (turning to the Panther) Cato. 900 Lord pou babe their Treasure, see it be not diminished. not mired with any of mp mine, for I purpole, now 'ris bere, it fall be kept until 3 am better infozmed touching this perfictions Generation ; foz I Culped. I Wallere long habe fa many complaints erbibited against them. as all this Treasure they babe brought, and much more, will not repay the damages they have done. In the mean while (turning to the Walbes) be faid, See you demean pour telbes peaceably, and toben the dare of our Proclamation is out, be fure that none of pou be found in this Difgulle; fuz wholoever be be that prefumes to wear a Dif. mile one day after that prefixed time, be shall certainly de as a Traptor. As to pou Offices, I do not take them from pay prefently, but as you demean pourfelbes, to pay map enjoy them formetime longer, or but toz a bery share time ; the laft of which I rather think.

Pabing fato this, be offiniffed the Lords, who were fat in counfel with him. So the Malbes departed fad enough.

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CHAP. XXX.

How the King desirous to see some of Bellins Kindred, caused three of the oldest of them to be sent for, &c.

When the cause of jealousie is removed, cheerfulness necessarily follows.

A Frer the wrealth of the Wolbes was thus taken, and the Kings realousse thereabout allaged, be became berp pleafant and merry; and in that merry mood, fait. My Friends, I hould be glad to fee fome of the Kame mindred; therefore if any of you know them, our pleafure is, that be go to them, and bying two or three of the oldest among them, before us. Then the Lord. tobo bad before told the Ming there were thousands of them libing in fecret places, faid, If it be pour me jefties pleasure to fee any of Bellins flock, I can eath fattaffe pour Majetty therein, foz 3 am familtarly acquate ted with many of them, efpecially with Bellius Brandfon. and two moze of the Gloett of them, toho by realth of their discretton, babe retired themselbes from the fur of the Bear and Walf, and like fafely in a fmall piece of ground well fenced. Abe thing bearing this, fail. Send for the three you freak of, or go your felf and feth So that Lord immediately went to the Meadon, where they three owelt alone; and firft faluteo then (as be was wont at other times) afterward teld his Grand, withat in what condition the woolfs kinded flood, and boto they were like to lofe their Dffices Thep knowing the reality of their Friend, doubted nothing, but went along with bim to the Court. amben ther were thitber come, they by the fame Log. were brought into the Bings prefence, who looking cheerfully upon them, fato, I am glad to fee pou indeed, for I supposed you had been all destroyed before this time. I do confece, when I gabe mp confent to the publiching that Cott, I thought I bad done that which was right; but fince underfranding by the Traptoz Reymard soun words, that he was the Purtherer of Kayward, and not your father; I beartily repented of mbat I

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had done. Therefore before you depart from us. the will And a good shollift that law, and every part of it totally, as if it bad Prince, haneber been. According p that Law was remeated and made ving once hold that bery day, and Proclamatton made, that if any confented to Beaft whatfieber committed any cut-rage against any of the wrong of Bellins Lineage, poung of old, they fould die for it. When others. this, thefe three perfons were to well fatisfied and affured through the of their peace and lafery, as they came batip to bifit this perfid ous Lord, and femetimes went in to the Bing bimfelf, chon ing his fabour aud protection as the greatest happiness trescherous that caulo befall them. Alfo the king bimfelf belighted in their company bery much; for feeting their fimplicity and good bebabiour, be was not a wearp of feeting them. but rather thought they were long absent, if be saw them not once a bap.

CHAP. XXXI.

How the Wolves behaved themselves in their Office after the Date of the Proclamation was expired, and how they were fuddenly ruined.

Bothis time the ten dales expressed in the Bings Proclamatton were fully ended, and the wolbes (much againft their wills) bad laid affee their Difguifes. on this whenfoeber any one of the Commons came to any of their Boules to commune with them, or prefent them any thing; fo foon as be fato the Wolf (not mashed) he would run-away as hard as be could ; and acquaint all be met, that be went to one of the Pzelates Sons, and found none in bis boute, except a Wolf looking gattly mon bim. The Molbes percetbing thep were utterly undone if their Clients fould be contiantly thus frighted. meto not what course to take : therefore the subtilest of them toben any of the Commons came either to fee them, or to pay their Dues, or to prefent them with ought. lato themselbes down, pretending they were not well : and that they might not be feen as they were, they Opead ober them a Coberlet of some other skin, (as

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if they toere laid in a S'meat by the Phylicians order) and to under that mould freak, abbiffing them to feabe what they brought, in such or such a corner of the Doule. This This beld water a while, bit long it could not; for the mod inconfiderate, and the rounged of the Wolbes would rather run the bagard than be farbed; therefore thep again put on their Botons, and cuch as came to them then, were not frighted, as the other (who faw them without thole Botons) bad been. But lo foon as this was bla-3ed abroad, fame of Bellins friends came to the Doufes of there foolish amolves, and well marking them, faid nothing, but went and immediately informed against them; offering to prote their contempt of the Bing and bis Laws. Tothen this their Relation was beard by the Ming, be tent for those wolbes, and after proof made of their contempt, be banged up Sebenteen of them; fre no moze were then taken, the other being fled for fear. The Erecution of thefe terrified all the other to. as if pon would habe perswaded them (with an affirance of neber to great fecrefie) to tabe put their Gamns on again but foz one minute, they would not babe done it; nap, thep abfolutely bared that Garbeber after. By this means the Wolbes were in ettream penurp; and needs muft fobe; fozin a berp Gozt time it was known to all the Commons, that the Lineage of Pitwood, and be bimfelf, bad been, and were, all bery Wolbes ; and that furr Gown which wood himfelf woze, and all the Gowns of his Lineage, were the true and natural Barments of Bellin, and Bellins Bindzed, which Barments they took from them, as often as any one of that Mace fell into their bande. The matter being thus clearly known, the Bing bad no need to think of displacing them; because their Offices fell from them immediately after it was fully understood what they were. For all the Commons old not only fig from them, but also banded together against them; and if in the day-time any one of them fitred abroad, be was in danger of bis Life, they all crying, a wolf, a wolf, bill bim, bill bim. This bard ulage made the Molbes to heep clole,

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and not be seen abzoad at all in the day-time; in the night they of necessity must go sozth to purbey soz sood, and accordingly they old, but always in sear of being taken; so as they ever after led a pooz and miserable Life, until they either died, oz were sozgot.

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CHAP. XXXII.

How the King rejoycing at the Wolves ruin, distributed their wealth among the Commons, and then openly shewed his love to Bellin's Kindred, and commanded all his Subjects to follow their Instructions, &c.

(17) Wen the King fato the effect of his Proclamation. what a ruin it bad brought on Hegrims Lineage, he was bigbly contented in bis mind, and faid, (to that Lozo, tobo befoze fato, Bull but off the Bash, and there needs no moze) now my Friend the Wash is off, and there needs no moze. With that, the fame Lozd bowed bimfelf and faid. Pour Waiefty is now freed from the care of difplacing them. But wbo would babe thought, thep fb wid fo luddenly babe been rutned. Bow could it be otherwife. Cato the Bing ? certainly the Trapeoz Reynard well knem. that legrim would neber babe been admitted by the Commons into bis Diffice, bad be nor worn that Difguife. For Megrim and bis whole Tribe were always bateful to the Commons, and bould atwars babe been fo, if Reynards poiler bad not been obserbed and put in stactice by them. Bestdes, Isegrim (for bis own part) carried bimself so demurely, and fpake to feldom, as eben I mp feit was mozeithan balf perfwaded, be changed bis nature, and with his new Bown put on anorber Rature, direct p contrarp to that of his own. But I noto clearly fee, that a To If will be a Wolf what Car forber te toears. Therefoze I am beartily glad bis whole Lineage is at this time reduced to their printine condition. Rebertbelels, that I map not in time to come be upbraided by any of their ungrateful Beafts, with the retaining their Treafure, I I will speedly order the diartourton of the same, among the Commons in general, especially amongst those who babe unained damage up them.

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poffible.

Low while rbis was a doing, the King again called his Lords and Friends about him, and faid, Warethy Friends, The unabbifedir and through falle accufation condemned our Chaplain Bellin, and bis Bindged ; therefoze, fince our erroz is dicohered, and the Burther foz which Bellin was condemned, is acknowledged by Reynard that falle Traptoz, to be perpetrated by bimfelf 4 it cancerns us in come ertraozdinary manner to recompence the great wrongs that Family bath fullathed for to long a time, and all that through a milunderstanding of ours. and through too great credulity of what we faw: for though Bellin beaught Kayward the Bare's bead to us. pet the far Cew the Dare, and put it in bis own Bale. and then tied the Bale about Bellins 122ch 3 through which notozicus crime craftity batted, by that weetched Miltreant Reynard, our judgment mas decetbed, Bellin was pur to Death, his Lineage made a prep to the Bear and the worlf, and we and all our family brought eben ! to the being of ruin.

Attele woods were uttered by the Aing with to great eamelines, as all his Loos and Friends were bery much affected therewith; therefore they faid, It is in your Majedies power to benour and respect them as much as you please; we all will readily obey in what-weber your Dajediy that command thereadout. The hing hearing them thus speak, said, Mozethy Friends, and obey our Commands, we accept the same kindly; and therefore will now offer what we think most expe-

dient in this-cafe.

Pou all know, we by our Proclamation babe already taken them into our Protection; pet you not we our felf cannot

cannot suppose that a sufficient recompence; therefore, fince rate the Dead we cannot, to the Living let us shew as much kindness as hall be conhentent; so when the Cemmons perceive that we not only protest, but also respect belies kindred, they in imitation of us will do the like. And that our respect, and the good opinion we have of them, may the more certainly be known to all our Subjects in general, two will give command, that they all behave thems, likes lobingly and friendly towards them; so doing, undoubtedly we shall unite all our meaner Subjects in lobe to each other, and we our selbes be so much the

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A bis recolution of the Bings was immediately affented to, and put in execution. And from that day forward the Mam's Binozed walked up and down fafe, and found friends and friendly Entertainment in all places tobere. foeber they came. The thing himfelf, and bis Bobles obserbing the great Grabity of this Stock (by bini fup. poled to be utterly estind) made Bellins Grandfon bis Counfellez; all the other Bobles feeing this, entertainen one, or more of the Kam's kindred, to be always refloing in. og near their own Lodgings. This familiart. ty with Bellins Minoged, wzought an alterarion in the Thing and Lords; for thep beretofore were wont to fare delicionity, and to fe) on others forts of meats; alfo unon flight occasions to be cholerick and angry ; they now feeing the great temperance and meebness of their new Sectates, began to feed more fparingly, and not of to many forts at one time; bolding this course a while, they found themselbes not so prone to choler or anger as before. The king obserbing this change not in himself only, but in all bis friends and Robles, was willing to propagate it further; therefoze be by publick Pecciamarton, come manded all his Subjetts bigb and leto to entertain famiitartry with the Mam's Minoged, also to take erample by them, and follow their Inftructions in all things tending to lobetet and lobe. Abis Preclamation was eractip o beged op the Commons in general, who ever after libed in Such peace and lobe, as the like bath scarcely eber been

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A POSTSCRIPT.

Friendly Reader,

IN the foregoing History, I have not in any wise deviated from my first intention, which wasto frame a Second Part to the delightful Hiftory of Reynard the Fox, which might yeild thee both pleasure and profit. If any one be offended, let his offence be to himfelf; my intent was not to give distaste but delight. Nor have I'm the foregoing History let flip any Expressions tending to the vitiating, or debauching of Youth, but have rather couched my words so, as the intelligent may be profited, and the difingenious not injured. Therefore I desire this my Labour may be as well taken as meant; If so, I shall be encouraged to divulge a more serious peice, (not of Beafts, but of Men) fo foon as time and opportunity will permit. Farewell.

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much inferiour to him that writ the Continuation, or Second Part of that History: Tet I dure not presume to present my self as worthy to be compared with other Parabolick or Romantick Writers of this Age; least I justly undergo the same Censure with him, to whom Appelles tartly said, Ne Sutor ultra Crepidem. Therefore I here offer the present Work (such as it is) not garnished with Eloquence, but rurally habited, to the view of All: well knowing that a Clown is as well pleased with a Cock's Feather in his Cap, as a Young Gentleman with a costly Plume. For every one gives his estimate of Things,

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he Fox comping in the Night, leaves the Butchy Manten, enters the Kingdom of Zalage Sha many, as length finding Brecker, goes with him to his own Countrey, where he takes Sir Firepo Confession, and Absolves him. Chap. 8, The Fox leaves Feraria, and returns into the Kingdom of Zalas, alone without the Badgers Company, or tinues his newly affumed Course of Life, and at la (through his own folly) loses his Religious Habit Chap. 9. The Fox having loft his Religious Habit, is in danger of Death by his own Votaries; escaping that danger, he ing in great Penury, cozens Forax the wolf of a piece of Flesh; and after that durst abide no longer in Zalap. Chap. 10. The Fex entring the Kingdom of Fereris, meets Old Grimbard the Brock, thrives him, and asketh his Counfel. He wisheth him to advise with Zam the day The Aps (upon Sight of the A(s) counfels him to turn Phylician : makes a Difguile for him, de, Chep. 11. The Fox disguised and attended on by Zani the Ape enters the Forcest by the Name of Doctor Pedan His Bills and Method of Practice, Chap. 124 The Fox going to Sir Firrapel the Libbard, purposely kills him with Opium; but escapes without Suspicion. Zani, upon a falling out, leaves him, intending toff up for himfelfin the Forrest. Chap. 13. Zam the Ape agreempts to practice Physick, discovers Dr. Pedante to be Remarking the Fox . Who is fulgette ed guilty of the Death of Old Sir Firmapel on the Pro Flies, but the Age is Hanged Chap. 14. 1457.
The Fex returning to the Dutch of Mouten agree with a Mountebank to cut off his Tail and hars, Afterwards renews his Acquaintance with Grimlon the Mastiff, who brings him to his Cosin Brindle, de. Chap. 15.

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(as a Stranger) a contained in the bord St k's Service, by the name of Crabren he gains the Love of his Lord, de Chap 16; 10:19 ad a min 66. Calves the Fox, being preferred to wait on his Lord in his Chamber, most Trainerously Poylons him : afterward to hypocritically laments his Death, that the King makes him one of his Purveyors. Chap. 16; 72. Gabren the Fox, now one of the Purveyors to the King. is first viliced by Gibbret the Cat, whom he draws into a Snare and kills, least he should Discover him. Afterward Grimlook the Mastiff is, for the same Caule, by him betrayed to Death. Chap. 18. Braidle the Mastiff enters the Forrest, and seeing Crabron, knows him to be Reynardine, whom he at length accuseth before the King; but through his own indifcretion is committed to Prison, and there Poyfoned by the Fox. Chap. 19. The Fox by his Craft, is not Accused for the Murther of Brindle the Mastiss: but afterward to satisfie the Kings Jeakousie of him, he is Rackt; and then confesses himself to be Reynardine. Chap. 20. 25 190. binardine committed to Prison, after his Confession makes his escape in the Night, and goes into Pitwood, where he lies concealed for some time; but the Pranks he there played, foon discover him. Chap. 21.96. In Fireapel the Libbard, with Quick-feent the Eurcher. and many Soldiers, are fent to apprehend the Fox. He is taken and brought before the King, who paf-16th Sentence of Death on him, to be Executed the next day. Chap. 22. Amardine the Pox at the place of Execution, makes a long and lying Oration to the King, whereby he gains a Reprieve to a further time. Chap. 23. The King lends for Remardine, demands an Account of the Treasure he spake of. The Fox gives a seigned Account, which is taken in Writing, and he re-manded to Prison, Chap. 24.

courte vicada Quiet from the Luncher W him into the Province of Laurened to dig for sand take up the aforelaid Treasure Chap, 250, 200 and take The For and Lurcher enter the Province of Linguest where (after the Fox had offered most of his Sacrificest the makes his escape; and Lurcher returns a flamed to Court Chap. 26. The Kings Proclamation, promiting Preferment to him that should apprehend Reynordine, encourages many Beafte to go out in purshir of him; their Names, and how they Reason with themselves thereabout, dec Chapa273 100 , 19170 1 911 4 The Misfortune that befel the Purfuers of Regnarding, after they came into the Kingdom of Zalap, &c. The As takes the Fox ; but is himself taken and made Slave. Chap. 28. Wittefs the Affe's Discourse with his Fellow Affes. runs away; is re-taken. He carries Wood into Squire Careles his Palace; is upbraided by the Fox Chap. 29. Remardine's manner of Life in the Kingdom of Zala His Taking by Quick-frent the Lurcher. Chap. 30. 146. Remardine's fruitles entreaties to be dismissed by Quit frent . Feren che Tyger refcues Reynardine , and contrives the death of Quick from; buthe escapes, and haftens to the Court in Feraria, &co. The Tygers Oration, who carries the Fox Prisoner to the Coun Chap. 31. Ferex the Tyger, hoping to obtain the Honour promi for aprehending the Fox, is shamefully repulsed. On feen the Luncher is honoured by the King. Chap: 1 Requardine's last Speech; which discovers all the Dear actions of his fore-palled Lite. He is hanged and quartered, and his Quarters disposed of aspleased the King Chap. 33. 1 he

RAYNARDINE

The SON of

REYNARD the FOX,

ORAN

HISTORY

OF HIS

LIFE and DEATH.

The INTRODUCTION, for the better understanding of the following History.

After Reynard the For his Treason, when he seed early in the Mozning to his Tasile of Molepardus, he no sooner there entred, but called to him his Two Bons, Volous and Reynardine, to whom he thus spake: Sons I am now by proper Experience too sensible of the mutability of Mundane Affairs; Fortune, which so lately was, and sor a long time badbeen my greatest Friend, is now become my mortal foe; suddenly changing her love into hatted: and when I trusted her most, the most deceived me. The Instruments by her used, were those two persidious Lords, Sly-look the Panther, and Firrapel the Libbard, who most Traiterously betraged me and all

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all mine. Whem therefore you wall bate unto Death. and perfecute During Life. Inbich the better to effect. you thall be fupplied with Stoze of Mealth, equally to be dibided between pou Alwafter my Decente. In the mean time, I would have you to referbe it for me. and not to biminif ought thereof, till you fall be certainly affured of my Death. The Countrey where. in I would babe this Areafure lodged, is called the Beovince of Longwood which is about fibe baps Tour. nep from this place) there thall you conceal the fame. and your felbes, in a Cabe, which the Guide I hall fend with pou will hew pou, until pou be certainly affured of my Effate and Condition, whether living oz bead. The Areafure is bound up in Men Fardels. which ten able Serbitogs thall carry, fog you; when pou , by Information of the Buide hall be come with. in a Stones caft of the Cabe, Difmifs the Serbitozs. fending them bome, that they may know nothing of your Intent. . Then, when you are affured they are gone far away from thence, do you (with the Guides belp.) carry all the fardels into the Cabe . and when all are fafely lodged there, kill the Buide suddenly, that no Males map be told. Babing faid this; be immediately called for the Guide and Men Berbitogs three bays before appointed to be ready to Arabel when foeber be fould gibe command, and fpake to them thus : Sirs I would have you Ten each of you to take up one of thefe farbels, and go along with this your Guide and mp two Sons into the Babince of Longwood, andat pour return 3 will take care that you thall be all berp well rewarded. Arabel not after bun-rife, but reft until Sunifer , and all Dight Arabel until Sunirift; and continuing this course of Arabelling Diabtly unril pou come to pour Journeys end, which will be in four og fibe days at fartbeft. Dou babe not almost an bours

hours (pace till Sun-rife, improbe that time to get into fome Bood og Boobe, as far from our Caffe as you can , and there refling conceal pour felbes till Sun-fet; then proceed in pour Journey as 3 faid. Babing giben this Infiruction, be difmiffed them with Mears, beartilp withing his Sons (wbom be neber fato moze) a moze lafting and durable continuance of fortunes fabours than be bad found. Apon this they departed, and Reynard the for afcending bis Caftle Mails, loked after them , till thep were gone out of fight. ambat became of Reynard afterward, is not our purpole bere to thew; because that is plainly enough declared in the Continuation, oz Second Wart of the Diffoz p of Reynard the for long fince publifed: Dur bufinels here is only to Discourse of the Life and Death of Raynardine the Son of Reynard the for , his Basther Volpus (foon after they came into the Province of Longwood) being killed, as the firft Chapter of this Book immediately following, clearly hews.

CHAP. I.

Province of Longwood with their Fathers Treasure; they are discovered, the Treasure taken from them, and Volpus killed by the Robbers.

A free Reynardine and his Brother Volpus, with their Guide and Servants were come into the Province of Longwood, as near to the intended Cave (by the Guides Information) as their father had wither them togo, they diffused all the Ten Servitors, with great and infinite Promites of Mealth to be heaped on them by the extraordinary Graticude of their good father (of whose desperate Condition they the

ervitors knew norbing) promising well to res ward them when they returned. Of which Reward (knowing nothing) they nothing boubreb. The Sons babing thus bismiffed them , accost their Guibe in this manner: Sir, our Kather left pour as our Watron, to Dispose of us and his great Mealth: Therefore, we earneffly intreat you fpeed.lp, befoze the Sun be fully. rifen upon us / for they had entred that part of the Brobince juft at break of Day) least me and our wealth be discovered, to dispose both of us and it in that large and uninhabited Cabe pou promifed our father to thew Rothis the Buide thus answered: Sirs, the Cabe is at band, and there is not only Room enough for your felbes and Areafure, but tor forty or fifty Camels and their Burthens alfo . if occation were to use them. To this Reynardine (being wifer than bis Baother) thus replied, Sir, I pap conceit us not either fools oz fatuates, lead us to the place pos fpeak of, and there thall you find a most noble the ward; for you are not left to expect our fathers uncertain Bounty bur the Bounty of two Bzorbers, who (neis ther by Labour of themselbes, noz by Industry of Strangers) but by the greatest of Baternal Dbligations are inriched mithinfinite Treafures, and thereby rendred moff capable to remard pour or any other (hibing) in pour degree with ample Riches. Doubt nothing of our Integrity but inddenly lodge both us and our Treasure in the Cabe vou fpeak of. To this the Guide faid, Sirs pou are great Lozds , and Jam but a mean Servant of yours: A pap therefore be mindful of pour promife to me, and I will immediately fatishe pour De To this Volous maze rathip than wifelp faid) Do pou queftion our Boneftp? The Buide thus repli'd fo Sirs; buf blame me not , if I requeft to know whether you will immediately give me some part of your Area: fure,

fure, or refer me to a further time. For if pou re fer me to a further teme . 3 cannot but boubt the Se quel: becaufe 3 babe reason to judge pou cannot want a baft number of Enemies , and if mp fatisfaction be delayed till that time, what recompence I wall then find, I cannot tell. Bere Ravnardine interpofing, faid, friend, pou fall immediately (as fon-as we and our Treafures are lodged in the Cabe) be remarded with a Twentierb part thereof, by which you may libe fplenbidly all sour days ; either in Company of us , oz by pour felf, as peu pleafe : Doth this Content pou? The Buide faid Des : and immediately brought them and their Treasures into the Cabe, out of which be never returned, for they prefently frangled bim (with Anevil Reone of the Coads wherewith the Fardels were bound) ward for fo as their father gabe Command; and babing firangled great a benehim, caff out his dead Body to be beboured by Crows, fic. 02 whatfoeber other Bird 02 Beaff would taffe thereof ; themselves scorning to Bury the same: But this this was the the occasion of the loss of their whole Treasure and the Death of Volous. About fifteen daps after this Burder , they beard by certain Trabellers that had been in the Kingdom of Feraria * of the demo: *TheKing-lifting their fathers Cafile, his Crecution, and their in Reserved own Banishment for ever, upon pain of Death, if the Fox had they at any time returned. At the bearing of this, been fo highthey being both affonished, frood for some time mute, ly, advanced, but at. length volpus breaking filence, thus laid. If andlived and this be true Baother mine) as undoubtedlp it is , be: died in. taufe fooken by Strangers that know us not; It wil be time for us to bibibe the Treafure. Ravnardine Answered, 120, Brother, it is not conbenient to bo foas per let us rather remobe it furrher into this Coun- wood. trep, and nearer the allood tit felt. To this Volpus whence that agreed, but would babe it firft dibided: Lo which Ray- Province

nardine hath its name.

nardine (tho unwillingly) confented; when they had bp Lot dibided the Treasure, each went to feek a Commodious place to bide bis fibe Barcels, tobich babing found to their content, they agreed to belp each other to carry, flow, and lodge early on the mozzow, till both their wares were concealed to their minds, and after that to confider bom to bestow the same in purchafing fome great Lozofbips, oz elfe fome beneficial Diffice og Dffices, that they might for the future live like themfelbes, as they then faib. Butalas , a fubben unlucky Accident marrs all. The Imell of their Guides flinking Carcals , by the allind far Difperlet through the Air, attracted to it felf many Rabenous Birds, among whom was Corbant the Rook (anold Enemp of Raynards Samily) who feeing them remobine their Areafure, afcended a Aree, from whence the could eafily differn all they bid, and whither they went: for be knew them, but they neither knew noz miffruffed ber. Therefoze, when the bad obserbed them to lodge their Areafure (inten diffinat Burthens) in two Cabes but little diffant each from other ; away flew the to a small Brobe, about A two furlangs from the Mood it felf. There the fato Savage the Bear, Truculent the and Versute the Panther, who were net Tyger. on purpole to go fozth on Bunting that Worn Abele the thus Saluted : Roble Sirs. I come to being you good Tidings. Into this Countrep are lately come Raynards two Sons , who babe but juft now bid in Awo several Capes on the South fide of the Mood , a berp great Areafure (as I Suppose) in Ken Barcels. Raynards Sons! faid ba bage the Bear, are they the Sons of the great Loo Raynard of Feraria? Des, quoth Corbant. Thenfail be, Affuredly they are bery Rich, let us go and take aman

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CHAP. 11.

How Savage the Bear, Truculent the Tyger, and Ver-Inte the Panther, in dividing their stolen Treasure, tall together by the Ears about the Crown found amongst other things. Noble the Lyon hearing the Noise fairly appealeth the Tumult, but takes the Crownaway with him.

1 1 Den all the Parcels were carried into the Mood.

Digbt fabouring their Enterpaize, no other Light appearing then what Dame Cynthia (tho then in ber greatest Splendour) could at times and by intervals barr in thabugh the Denfe Boughs of that buge allow (Sirry Furlongs in length) they begin to dibide their Borp with great filence, and fæming conient, tho not very well affected each to other: for being neither Berchants noz Jewellers) they underftod nor the true Calue of any thing they faw oz bandled; nebertheles each thought his fellows part better than his own. However thep quietly proceed until a bery fair Crown of Gold enriched with many and Divers Jems (of value aimost inestimable pefented it felf to fight. This being fan, fuddenly changed the Scene. for afpire to So- every one coveted it, all would have it, and by that means all were compelled to lose the same. The Beat upon the leaft firft faid. Sirs the Antiquity and Roblenels of my Family is not unknown to pou, if you hail therefore ofmeans cor-think me worthy to postels this Crown, I will in lieu respondentto thereof give to you the full Calur, to be u bived between you out of my hare. Bere the Tyger interrupting fait, here evident It is well known that my Family is neither lefs 20. by the Bear, ble nog lefs Ancient, but rather more Moble than yours, therefoze Imap (by better Bight) claim the Crown fo2

Bale Men dosometimes vereignty probability that end. As is plainly Tyger and Panther.

Toa mp felf. Abe Panther bearing this, faid : He boan of the Roblenels of Antiquity of our Ancestors is bain and abfurd. To whom the gods have giben great. eff frength and beauty of Body, to them is Sobereignty and Dominion over others also given. Aberefoze this Crown I take my felf, as the proper Bounty of fortune to me only, not to you in the leaft : for I am the firongest and most beautiful. Babing faid this, be fet .be Crown upon bis own bead. Abe Bear and Apger feeing this, suddenly in a Rage fall upon bim; the Panther retired a little back, tok the Crown from bis bead, and fet it on the Ground, and then began a herce fray against them both; which was continued with great fury and noise. Noble the Lyon hearing this Bubbub, with eight oz ten Attendants, baffed to the place, where by the Light of the Bon be plainly faw the Crown, which he took up and fer upon his Pead; then spake to the Combatants thus: What means this Dutrage and Aumult at fo unfeasonable a time of Right? If this Appoar come to my fathers (the Governour's) ear, I fear it will tend to pour detriment. So son as be began to speak, they ceased fighting, and plainly enough fat the Crown (by them friben foz) on his Bead; but no one of them burft biipute bow be came by it. This fight ended their firife and contention; and they (by Nobles persmation; be= ing suddenly become friends, presenting the said Noble a Chi in of Bold, fo pleafed bim, that be promifed, if they would be peaceable for the future, this Rights Butrage hould be fozgot and fozgiben. Thep bumbly thank bim , boping be would beliber them the Crown ,. but he took it away with him.

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CHAP. III.

Raynardine having escaped the Robbers, goes into the Kingdom of Zalap, where he contracts Amity with Brockes the Badger; whose Counsel he takes, and goes on Pilgrimage towards the Monastery of Manton.

Aynardine babing made his Escape as you babe beard, the bery nert Moaning left the Paobince of Longwood; and (as foon as be could) entred the Ringdom of Zalap, a Countrey chiefly inhabited bp Bere be was often in danger of bis Life by Bunters, and once an Bunting Dog bad certainly feigeb bim, bad be not luddenly piff in bis Hail and firok it in to the Dogs Cres, and fo escaped. Therefore be bewailed his fad condition, which was fo much the moze deplozable, because be had neither friend nog Councellour, until bis good bap was to met with Brocket and through the Badger, who (after Salutations and fome fmall Ace quaintance) fon taught bim bow to fecure bimfelt course of this from ludden danger : foz be wewed him all the By waps, fecret Cabes, and under-ground Baffages, nem about the place where be was ; faying , all this Binge dom over are fuch fecret Beceffes. Bp wans, and Bali fages, which necessity (the mother of Invention bath taught us to make. Dtherwife there was no libing bere. for the Den of this Countrey no fooner take a Beaff. but they either kill bim prefently or make bim their Slave. Dogs bere are alfo Slabes; but their Slabery is better than ordinary, going at large whither thep will, only their oblequioulnels to their Wafters is fuch, that they come running at a Miffle of Call; and then,

By the Badger here, the whole History, is thewed the Nature of a faithful Friend.

Then, if their Matters do but point at any of my Findredoz pours ; og at an Bare og Conep, og the like ; they will nzefenly run upon us and kill us to be fure if they can. Dere Ravnardine interrupting faib : Thefe are Bunting Dogs (I perceibe) pou fpeak of; I bab certainly been killed by one of them, bad I not nimbly piffin my Mail and flopt it in bis Gpes. Des Cofin Raynardine, quoth Brocket , they are fo. The other Dogs commonly called Boule Dogs, are bery ferbiceable to Ben, and not fo injurious to us. foz thefe Dogs choofe rather to affail Men than Beaffs , efpecially if the Men be Thiebes. Thefe Dogs are commonly chained up all day (therefoze in the day time we not not fear them) and at Right have their liberty, and are then bery ferbiceable to their Baffers faz defence of their Boufes, and all that appertains to them. Per beside these two forts of Dogs, there are a third foat, small of Baowth, and therefoze called Wibiffling Curs ; thefe contrary to the former, babe their liberty all the day to range where they please; but, when Dight comes they are thut up in their Wafters Boufe, where with their bawling and pelping they fometimes discover the approach of Abiebes: Sometimes they have the priviledge to flep upon a Billow; and too oftenlie in their Wiftriffes Bofomes, nay sometimes between the Shorts, in the very Bed with their Wafter and Wiffris. And call you this Slavery (faid Reynardine) if this be Slavery, what is fredom? To this Brocker replied, Slaves to often appzoach their Maffers Bed. God Cofin Brocker, quoth Raynardine, tell me what other Beafts are here in Slabery. Are not (faid Brocket) all Bogfes, Camels and Affes perfect Slaves, fee pou not how they daudge daily, what baft Burthens they carry, and how men follow them continually with Thips to make them mend their pace? Are not Dren also forced to Dzam i Dan Magnes and other Carriages? Are not fores (pour own Bindged) baily fen chained in the Court Pords of great Bens Boules? from which Chains they can neber be fred during Life. And if they cannot be taken alibe by fome Stratagem, thep are pae, fently killed in the place by those Bunting Doas befoze fpoken of. Afit be thus Cofin (faid Raynardine) I to plainly perceive Igo in danger of my Life eberg moment, is there no way to fwear the peace against them? Bere the Babger laugbing, faid, Bab Cofin Raynardine, to what Juffice will pou go bere to take: fuch an Dath? If you fould go pour felf befoze a Juffice (Buffices bere, being all Wen not Beafis, are bound by the Rules of their own Laws to Defend Den againft all Beafts, whether Bumane og Animal, thep accounting Thiebes , Robbers , and Burtherers, the Wen in have, per Beafts in Act) that Juffice will be fure to apprehend you, and if he make you not his Slave , certainly kill pou. Per pou mapfafelp enouch live here, if you will carefully look to your felf, and make it your bufiness to learn the most ready way of passing in and out of those subterranean Wassages 1 befoze spake of; some of which I have already shewed and moze will I discover to you, if you think good to abide in this Countrep; but if pou be otherwife mind: ed, I am ready to gibe pou the beft Abbice I can. 3. beartily thank you good Tofin) quoth the for, pour Abb.ce I chiefin ned: I fe no fafery in flaving bere. noz in returning into the Brobince of Longwood, where I know mp life is lought; fome other Countrep would pleafe me better, especially foz a time, till I. babe gained greater Experience in the Affairs of this Mozid; being at prefent young and unerpert. Bou fpeak well , faid the Badger; if pou be disposed to Travel, Blike it well : Travel fometimes learns fuch Pounkers .

Pounkers, as pou, Experience : Are pou minded to enter into Religious Debers? Abere pou map babe pour Belly fuil of Michals, good Lodging and Cloath: ing convenient, if you can bear that aufterity of Life which I never could well approve of, tho 'tis tolerable enough. Austerity of Life, Cousin (quoth the for) Here by sustain I not now, living always in fear of sudden apparent Death or perpetual Slavery, a greater ausserity of that Interest Life then I can be erpoled to in any Meligious Deber is the princibobatfoeber? Pap Coufin, faid Brocket, I but pat: pal morive to mile the work. If pou like a Beligious Life, 3 precence of will endeabour the best I can to direct you to a Monaste: Religion, in rp, where (if you paudently ad) pou map undoubtedly Wicked Menbe admitted : butit will be at leaft ten bays Journey., the greatest part of which way, I purpole to guide you. I bumbly thank you, faid Raynardine, Direct me but thither, and I hall be bound to ferbe vou during tife ; the greatness of the Journey , oz any other Db= facle (if fortune will but fabour mp Enterprize) hall be no bindance to me. Afthis be pour Resolution Codin, faid the Badger, on the mozzow early we will begin our Journey, pou going all the way in foam of a Bilgrim, and Jas your Buide; we may both fecurely Travel any whither : But if the worft come to the worft, and any danger be suspected from those un: ruly Currs (called Hunting Dogs) befoze fpoken of ... our retiring into fome of the Cabes and Beceffes I well know, will certainly prevent all dangers. Here the for faid. But Cofin I babe no Wilgrims Med, boto then thall I be known to be a Bilgrim? D' Cofin, faid: Brocket, take no thought for that; bere died a Wilgrim lately, whose habit I have; that thall serve. Raynardine bearing this, thanked the Badger, and having refed with bim all Dight, began bis Bilgrimage, on the mozzowearly, in which we leave him, intending to freak further of the Crown befoze mentioned. CHAP.

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CHAP. IV.

Moble the Lyon Presents the Crown he had taken to Magnificent his Father, who receives it unwillingly, commands it to be lock dup, and never worn by his Son or his Posterity. Magnificent dies, and Noble succeeds, &c.

TOble the Lyon, the next apopning after be bad I feized to himself the Crown, found amongst Raynards Areafure, prefents the fame Crown to bis Father Magnificent (Bobernour of the Waobince of Longwood) thus fpeaking: Great Sir, Abis Badge of Sovereignty , found laft Dight in this bery Mod, is not fit tobe poffeffed by any other then pour felf. therefoze bere I bumbly lay the same at pour (now Pajefties Fet.) Die Father bearing bis Mords and .. fring the Crown , at first by bis Countenance dis cobered both Baief and Anger , and afterward paffie nately uttered the following Mazds: Mbo could babe thought, that I, who for so many years have Beberned this Probince, in ferenity of Days, Beace, and continued Blenty, hould now in my Dld Age, through the Ambition of those that bave iffued from my Bow els (especially of you my Son, from whose thoughts I judged Ambition to be always furthest) for, or at least know of the infallible and inevitable Ruin, not only of my whole Polierity, but of this Province alto. You think you expote to my bieto a pleafing Db jett, but alas, I neber fam a moze bzeabful fight; therefoze bear it from my Beefence, and (now 'tis fo unluckily bere) bury it in the most fecret part of all my Lodging, oz rather lock it up fafe for the Bands of that mos

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mell unfoatunate Paince, who wall be fo paoudly amhinous as to fet the fame upon bis own bead. Hos it was prophetied long before pon were born (the altungs referbed by me as a fecret, not to be rebealed till the hour of my Death) that whenfoeber this Probince hall become a Kingdom, the King and Kingdom hould fuddenly be ruined. I babe a great reafon to beliebe this , becaufe the fame Brediction faib . The Crown (that would occasion the Destruction of my Posterity) hould be Brefented to mp fight before my Beath. Therefore Son 3 bere charge pon , by all the Dbliga: tions of Paternal Dbedience, neber to wear this Crown buring Life, nog permit pour Self, Chilogen, on Successors (if possible) to be imposed upon by any to allume Megal Wower. Abis did Noble promise to obserbe inbiolably all his days; and then (according to bis fathers Command) lock b' p the Ereton, returning the Bey to bis father; who died not long Bim Noble the Lyon succeeded in the Covernment, and according to bis Broinife, would neither wear the Crown, not affirme any Royal Title. This dipleated his Brother Haughey the Loon, not a little; pet be diffembled bis Difpleafure foz a time, until after Consultation with Truculent the Apger, Verlure the Banther, Savage the Bear, and fome other of the most potent Beaffs of that Passince, no less ambitious than himself, he had perswaden them logntly to petition Noble, their present Governour, either to affume the Title of Bing and wear the Crown, which was undoubtedly (fay thep) for that end prefented to bim by their great goddels Fortune; oz elle, if he in his Mildom thought it not good fo to do, to beliver the same to the thee Wart-owners thereof, to be broken to pieces, and equally divided between them. When this Petition was drawn up and presented to the

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the Governour, be put them off with mild Mazde. faving : De would take time to confider of the Matter. and after mature Deliberation return them bis An. fmer. But be belaping this , longer then was erpened . his Baother Haughty apprehended be too well nm Derffood bis Intereff to beliber up the Crown : and therefore 'twould be in bain to Colicite bim further thereabout : and his not affuming the Mitle of Ring. be imputed either to timeroufnels oz obffinacp : para: ther because be at prefent bad no Son. and if be foon after his Cozonotion thould die, the Crown muft ne cessarily fall to himself, whom be supposed bis Bio. ther Noble envied that Bonour. Therefoze be refolbed to purchafe the Crown, be to ambitiously defired, by Areafon ; and to lap the foundation of his future Ring. Domin bis Baothers Blood. Abich accoadingly be effected at a Solemn feaft, in which be treacherouff kills bis Baother, and after that affumed the Mitle of Bing . moze the Crown , and Infignised all the Barte ners of bis Areafon with goble and Wanourable Tie tles. Thus be founded bis Bingdom in Blood but beld not the Reward of his Fraticide above 20 baps. be and all his being by fire and Swood utterly defiren. ed, according to the before mentioned Bredition. . The particulars of this Dearuction is not to our purpole. bere to relate, therefore we omit it, and proceed in our intended Biffory.

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Remardine coming to the Monastery of Manton, is charitably lodged for Three days; then permitted to abide a Months probation, and afterward received into Orders.

The Minth day, about Moon Brocker the Bagder had brought Revnardine the Fox in his Bilgrims babit. to the borders of the Dutchy of Manton . when there. the Badger fpake to the Fox thus: Dow Colin Reynardine we are juft ready to enter the Countrep, wherein that Monaftery I promifed to direct pou to . is fcitua-We babe now but one eafie daps Journey to it, if I mistake not ; I will keep pou company so far, as until we come within Sight of the fame, afterward com: mit pou to fortune. I bumbly thank you faid Reynardite you bave thewed me moze than I ommon Kindnels, if fortune eber profper mp Endeabours, 3 will fully recompence the fame. Babing faid this, they reft themfelbes a white, and afterwards proceed on their Journey: That Dight they lay in the Dutchy of Mantor, and on o Dozzow, an bour befoze Poon, came within Men furlongs of the Monafrery There Brocker the Badger with many good Wifes left Reynardine, and returned into the Erngdom of Zalap: that @bening Reynardine pagceeds on his way, and was by a foft pace got to the Monafery Gare a little befoze Dinner time: Bere be was about to knock, but was pretented by the Subprior, who had just then opened the Wate : who feeing a Wilgrim Rand there prefently demanded of what Countrep he was, and what had moved him to undertake that Bilgrimage? Reynardine was glad of this oppostunity of Speech ; faid, Reberend Sir Jam a poor Bilgrim, mount at lang find bail de gift ancome

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come from the Kingdom of Fereria, above thirty days Journey from this place, mobed hereunto by the fame of pour great Debotion, of which I am ertreamly befirous to be an Car and Epe-witness: for I fee nothing in this Mozio worthy to be belighted in . ercept Beligion ment of their only; for the love of which I habe undertaken this long Interest only, and perilous Journey, and more could Agladly fuster to be made partaker of fo great a Benefit, as you (moft be: bout Werfons) through the fabout of the gods continually enjoy. Pou fpeak well, faid the Sub paioz, come in , here you hall babe Abaee days of Entertainment on. free coff for fuch is the Charity of this Boufe to all Bilorims) during that time you will have the oppostunity of feeing, bearing, and observing the Bules and Gobernment of our whole Daber. Reynardine bumbly thank ed bim, and immediately followed bim into the Boufes But juft as be entred, Grimlook the Walliff (Bozter of the Gate) would have failen foul of the Fox, had not the Sub-prioz feberely chid bim, and fo reffrained his malice. When they were gone in fome biffance from the Bate. the Subpaioa turning to Reynardine, faid, Abis isal ways the churliff nature of our Bogter, to fnarle at and affail every Stranger that enters : Abis we could eafily redzels, but are not willing, because we efteem ita necessary Arpai for all Wilgrims coming bitber, that they may bence learn, that the way to reft and quiet repole, is always attended with danger and trouble. prebent this for the future, pour only way is now after Dinner, and fo at every Meal time, to pick up fome of the Bones that are left , and gibe them to the Bozter, tro will be that means be your continual friend. Reynardine failed not to obserbe this D der , all the time be Ifbed in that Monattery and so made Grimlook bis confant friend. Wiben be was brought into the Ball to Dinner, many of the Wonks asked bim the like Que-Rion as the Subprior bad done; to whom be gave the fame:

feme Antwer be bib to bim, that be might not be found in two Males. During thefe three Days be bery well observed all they bid, and feemed above menfure, belighted wirb their Devotion and Daber of Libing. This feem: ing content of Reynardine, was as well observed by those Manks who were appointed by the Baing bimfelf, diligently to note bis Carriage and Bebabiour buring that time : Tho therefore asked Reynardine (as thep bad been before instructed by the Prior) ham be liked their Dader, and whether be could content himfelf to Libe as they bib? Ho this the Fox answered, Morthy Sirs, I like pour Daber fe well, that if I might be thought moathy to be admitted the meanest member thereof, I bould effeemit the greateff Bappinels of Lite, and the beft of Bleffings. They bearing this, fold him be could in no wife be admitted there , unlefs be firft underwent a Months Waobation: After that, he might babe admittance upon fuch and fuch Conditions as hould be then proposed to bim. To this be answered, if I may be admitted, I hall gladly undergo a Months Wabation, and no Conditions (whatfoeber thep be) thall hinder my firm Befolution of being a true and constant Dolervant in all that thall be enjoyeed me: for 3 do from benceforth piousip resolve totally to abandon this wicked Mozio, and all the Deceits and Devices thereof; a iztemnip promite to live achaff, peaceable, and unblameable Life all my Days. They bearing bim thus fpeak, brought bim before the Prior: who faid, Reynardine I babe beard pou befire Admittance into this our Religious Deber; which (if pour future Bebabiour be fuch. as thus far it bath been) I doubt nor, but 'twill be granted pou; pet, that pou map not afterwards fap pou wift not what you did, when you entred og made pour dow of Chaffity Dbedience, and pou thall babe a Bonthe time for pour further Baobation, that if either pou bilike us, 02

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or the firietnets of our Diber, or we have caufe to bit like you; we may fairly part without further trouble. Dere the Fox bowing low to the Prior . faid , Boff Rebe rend Lozd Baioz, Thope neither pour Lozdibip, noz and of this fraternity hall eber find Caufe of biflike in me During Life : foz I babe not rafbly, but beliberafely betermined never moze to embrace, love, adoze, oz follow the Mazlo: neber moze to be taken beligbted.oz affen: ed with the Riches, Womp, and Manity of the fame; noz eber to lead other than a Sober, Chaff. Pious and Iteligious Life. Pou fpeak very well faid the Baioa, go pour way and be accordingly. So the Fox all the time of his Ponth's Brobation hewed bimfelt a moze frid Dbfer. bant of all their Ceremonies, than any of them. Alfo. at Bours appointed be would always be first in the Chappel , and the laft that thould come out : Befibes bim none were fo feemingly Debout , noz hould any of them mumble ober moze Waapers than be. Bolding this Courfe till bis Wonth was almost erpired, the Sub. paioa told bim, that three or four days after there would be a Convocation beld for bis admittance bim, and then it was erpected be thould make an Daation; of which he thought good to advertife him, that he might have time to premeditate what be intended then to fpeak. The Fox humbly thanked bim for his to courteous Advertilement, blomifing to ute bis utmeff endeabour not to fail their Expectation. On the Fourth day a Conbocation was beld, and Reynardine at bis Admittance into Debers. fpake as follows.

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CHAP. VI.

The Fox's Oration to the Prior, Subprior, and Senior.

Monks when he was admitted. His Office appointed him, and Behaviour therein. His Theft discovered, and Penance enjoyned.

Foff Reverend Load Prior. Reverend Subprior, and pour the henerable Seniors of this Sacred A fraternity, mp bonoured fother Reynard the Fox (late Lozd Chief Baliff of the Bingtom of Feraria) of happy Wemozy, through his own too great Ambition, falling into an eminent banger that probed bis Buin , fedulously endeaboured to refriebe all by some notable Erploit ; but in bain. Foz affer be bad attempted as an Addition to bis Brandeur , to ufurp the Soberaignty ofthat Ringdom; though be might eafily habe efcaped (when his Areafon was discovered) be would not be fanding flay and abide the Bount, hoping by future Warinels to escape out of that Laborinth of Bezil into which be bad fo unwarily plung'd bimfelf: but fo boing loft both Life and fortunes. Abis brought to my mind that Verficle of Ovid , Tlearned of mp Hutoz.

Fælix quem faciunt aliena pericula cautum.

A Saying worthy of Pote, for Marinels to hun that harm we our felves have once received; and into which we have too unwarily precipited our felves, is unleasonable, fruitless, and nothing worth. Op father using like Caution, found the same too true by world Gregerience. Op Brother also, tho (when we were both availed by Robbers) he saw me warily to eschew the banger of Death by flight, did unwarily assault the Assaulters,

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faulters, and fo lollbis Life. This I was willing to mention before fo noble an Auditorp, that it might be known 3 bad fufacient Reafon of beferting the Mozib. and biffruffing the treacherous and uncertain favors of fortune. Could I babe fafely brought my Menth bither, as I intended, 3 bad offered all bere to Chari table ufes; which would babe been to me a great folace and belight : but 'tis otherwife. Therefoze the trut reason of this my befired retirement, is the observance of the great Cnormities, Burthers , Thefts, Rapines, and infinite of er Wittanies, baily comitted by Berfons, profesting and precending always the contrary : who con-Demning Purtbers, baily kill; blaffing Thebery with an ill name , always practice it; contempibly freaking of Bapines (as fozbib bafe Ads never ceafe Labening; commending Chaffity , always fludy Lecbery : faping. Barents ought to be bonoured, in the fame breath clan-Deffinely conbemn their Baggenitoas; bating Ibleneft. neber labour untels to bo Difchief : Difpaifing Lies. never freak Arurb; and praiting Belig on bate the fame. foz in all my Life I neber fam one trulp Religious, et cept in this place , to which as to a facred Anchoz, and moft fafe Afplus, 3 habe now at length (3 hope not too late) betaken mp fetf.

The Fox baving thus ended his Deation, was with the usual Ceremonies of the Pouse, admitted into their Deder; and the Subprior with his own hands took off his Pilgrims Weed (which was laid up for a Relick) and put on him a Gown of their Deder, spick and span Rew. Then the Prior himself said, Beother Reynardine as now I may call you) the Ruses of our Pouse appoint every Powice of newly admitted Beother to There years betwice; either in the Ritchin of Buttery, of in the Chappel of Senor Monks: I will not from stering your Parts

and Learning) appoint vou to the meaneft of thefe ber pices, but will put it to pour Choice whether pou will ferbe in the Buttery oz in the Bitchin. To this Revpardine faid, Poble Load Prior, Taccount it agreat Bappinels to ferbe eben in the meaneff of Dffices, but freing wour Lozdhip fo bigbly favours me, as to put it to mp Choice, 3 th ili gladip (if 3 map) ferbe in the Bitchin rather than else where. Be it fo, faid the Prior : then has Reynardine commended to the Cook as one of bis Affifiants. For a Wonths fpace after this, the Fox for bebabed himfelf, that he was not only praifed but highly approved of by All. Abe Cook bimfelf repofed fo great truft in bim, as be often times left the Bitchin (when be had occasion himself to go abroad) and all that was in it, to Reynardines care, not truffing any of the other Povices whom be had found always ready to pilfer and feal Weat, if be did but turn bis Back. The Fox knem this as well as be, and therefore very firially watched them, and by that means bad the oppositunity to fieal himself, and if the Weat was at any time missed by the Cook, be would fay be bad always diligently watched, till be was enfozced to go out to Bils oz eale his Belly; and though be made all the baff be could in again, pet be bould be fure to mils fomething when he returned, but was loath to speak of it, because be knew not who to accule : Abis ercufe beld Mater foz a while , but long it could not. foz, as Remardine fritip matched the o. ther Bobices (as thep came of any Grrand into the Ritchen) fo they bad no lefs fuspicious Gre upon bim; faping each to other this Millian Reynardine is a greater Thref than any of us; and if toe cannot fometime oz other take bem tard, be will be fure at length to ac: cufe us, og fome of us peculiarly by Dame, but our discovering bim firft will prevent that danger. Accordingly they matched bim, and faw him (as they faid) put. a Capons

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a Copons Leg in the Sleebe of his Coar and to carry if a. way to bis Cell, which was not far from the Birchin. Thep accuse bim to the Cook, who fearching bis Cell and not finding the fame, blamed them as Abiebes them. felbes, and forgers of Lies upon Reynardine, purpofe. ly to hide their own Thiebith Desposition: Then the Fox sold the Cook that thefe Pobices who had now fo imjuffly accused him, were the very persons (though be knew them not by Pame) that daily pilfered one thing oz other out of the Bitchin, as be was now certainly af fured, feeing them all together : The Cook beliebed bim, but they gave the Fox the Lpe, affirming that he only had fole all that ever was loft, fince be was admitted into their fraternity. This was by them uttered with fo great bebemenep and paffion. that it was not long before many of the Senior Monks beard of it one of which acquainted the Prior therewith, who immediately fent to 2 Reynardine, the Cook, and all the other Povices; and after a long and firit enquiry , the Cook faid be Daily loft Weat og fith out of the Bitchin, both befoge and fince Reynardines Admittance; who fole it he could mat tell, be supposed the other Pobices, not Repnardine, The Povices faid none of them eber fole any thing. but the Fox (who was the only Abiet as far as they knew they faw carry away the Capons Leg. of which thep to lo the Cook, who won Search faid be could not find it : Then the Cook blamed us, fap thep, judging us Thiebes, who had forged Lies upon Reynardine to clear our felbes. But my Load, neither the Cook nog be can probe any fuch thing againft us. The Prior per: ceibing the Matter Difficult and uncertain, faid ro moze, but go pour waps, let me bear no moze of this. Pet in the mean while imployed a truffp Berbant of bis, whom he commanded to rull bown a piece of the Wall of his Chamber (which abutted just upon the Mitchin) and

und caufe a Mozkman in builbing if up again. purpofely to leave an bole in the new built affait, that be bimfelf might (through that Dole)fee into the Bitchin. and not be fen by any. Abis was done, and the Prior himfelf at every Weal time Daply Matched : At length be fato Reynardine on a fife bay to thault a whole Carp into bis Coat, with which be was about to march off : but the Prior fpebily get out at a Dog near by, and feeing a Pobice at band; commanded bim prefently to fearch Reynardine; who accordingly bid, and found the Carp , at the Sight of which the Bobice was erceeding glad; but the Fox extreamly abamed. After Dinner a Convocation was beld , wherein at firft it was agreed bis Babit fould be fiript off, and be turned out of Doogs immediately; but afterward upon bis fubmillion and promife of Amendment, be was enjoyned Bennance, which was thas : After Supper be was ta beput out of the Monaftery Cate, and in the Benitents Cell (which was for that use there purposely made) ta abide two Dights and two Daps without food. This was intended to be Executed accordingly, and be after a full Supper (being firft fearched, that be carried aut ne Mictuals with bim) was turned out of the Gate into the afozefais Cell.

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D Eynardiae the firft Right Tamed erreding penfe I nitent, and to continued the next day till foon always reading his Wangers aloud; but when Dinner time was fully come, and Winner almost ended, feing nothing dans over the Malls (as be confiantly houed) and being ertreamily pinched with Burger, be refeleed to take the oppositunity of that time to make bis elcape. Accordingly, fetching a Compals about be purposed to run to the further fide of an Bill, which food right againft the Monaftery Gate, where being come, be elpied many Beele fporting thenifelbes in targe Would at the loof of the Bill on that five. Before the for would go near them, be fought out a retiring place for bimfett; which being there ready, and there fore by bim quickly found; be wather foffly towards the Bond, faming depoutly to read all the way be went ; but when be was come near , be teab louber, that thep might bear bim. The Befe fæing bis Re-Guife of Reli- ligious Babit, and bearing bim read to beboutly, fearing nothing, came all out of the Wond, and became bis Auditozs; among whom two of the eldeft (thonot the wifeft) would neds thauft their beads eben into his Wouth, to look upon bis Book. Abe for in: ing bis , immediately kills them both : and then all the other in great fear fled into the Mater again, founding an alarm all the way they went. This Reydardine minded not, but baffed all be could to lodge bimfelf

Tinder the gion , Murders are too often perpetrated.

ferrand his Brep, in his before provide Caue, with great care, fped , and biligence be performed, nopping up the mouth with Stones and Earth to clate, as be could not be perceived by any. In the mean while be was milled by one of the Pobices, who immediately after Dinner was fent out of an errand. De not finding Reynardine in the Benitents Cell, called to the Worter and told him , The for was fled. Boster tells others , and thep the Baioz, who prefent: ly fends out Men of the ableft and moff nimble Wonks, with Grimlook the Woster, to fearch foz Reynardine, and firip bim of bis Religious Babit. When thefe were gone out but a little way from the Monafterp, they meet with them or four of the eldest of the Gele, who were coming to the Monastery to complain of the great Dut: rage they had received from a Dember of that Boule, who feigning himfelf Keligiouffy Disposed, had killed two of their fellows; they bearing this, prefently knew it was Reynardine, that had commisted thate Burthers; therefoze befired the Bafe to conduct them to the place where this Difcreant (as they called bim) had perpetrated that Willang. They accordingly Da, and thew him fome of the feathers, and a brop or two of the Blood of their flain fellows, but where the Burderer carried them, thep fap, their fearwas fo great, they could not obserbe. They pursue this way and that way, Grimlook the Wallist in the mean while Bunting in every Corner; but all to no purpose. Reynardine beard them well enough, and notwith: flanding be had so sirmly fortified himself, he was ebery moment in fear of being furpaised and taken. fuch was his good fortune at that time, that they found him nor. Abe nert day they lought him further from home to as little purpose. All this the for knew, because the pursuers in all places inquired foz Œ 2 bim. him, of every Pallenger they met. The Ahird day, they pursued him not, not any more after: Aberetors on the fourth day, inst at high Roon, he opened his Cave a little, looking this way and that way, to se by which way he might best (when Right came) make his escape.

CHAP. VIII.

The Fox escaping in the Night, leaves the Dutchy of Manton, enters the Kingdom of Zalap, Shrives many, at length finding Brocket, goes with him into his own Country, where he takes Sir Firrapels Confession, and Absolveshim.

A 7 Ben Evening was come, the for trabelled as far from the Monastery as he could, and the next Moaning (by day-light) differning which way to take, be mended bis pace, until be got quite out of that Countrey and was again entred the Kingdom of Zalap, to bis grent content. Into which Ringdom be bad not gone far befeze be fam a Wilgrim coming to wards bim. Abis Bilgrim be purpoled to rob, if be could, and firip bim of his Babit : but when be deem mearer . the for was of another mind , for he faw he would be much too firong for bim; fo that be might bery well fear to be robbed and figipt (if not killed) by the Bilarim. anbo intending no burt to any, Datwing near to Reynardine, faluted bim thus: Reberend Sir Baieft (for fuch I take you to be) you are happilp met this Mogning : In Die and Twenty days Journey bitberward I babe not met with oz feen any Religious Berton, therefoge am now ercebing glad to fee pour Mozifip, and may well call this an happy: mat:

merting. Tperceibe, Sir Dilgrim , faib the for, Wicked that pout are ne Stranger to Religion , freing at firft Perfonsalfight you can so well difteen me. Hog I am such as ways make rou take me tobe, and was Educated in the Briefity Refuge. function , from my Infancy , under mp father a famous Bithop. 3 Suppose you are going to the Monaftery of Manton. Des; quoth the Bilgrim, mp Bilarimage ends there. Eruly Sir Wilgrim, faid Revnardine. I would gladly accompany you thither . partly because I never saw that Monastery ; but chiefly because (according to my Dffice) Ibold it apart of my Duty to conduct Wilgzims on their way. But the Commands of my Superiors will at this time force me to omit that part of my Duty; and because my Bufinels requires bafte, 3muft (though much againff mp Mill) abzuptly leave you. Daving thus fooken, fook bands mitb the Wilgrim , and bid bim farewel. The Wilgrim then could do leis, but return bim bis good Mithes, and fo depart. The for joyful that be badthus belubed the Bilgrim, went on bis way; and in a little time met with a Company of ferrets, who de: fired Shrift : Thefe be Shaibed, enjoyning only foa The Pea-Benance, a couple of Poung Babbits among them all, ples lenothey request him to flay, and foon being them to bim, rance expowith thefe be feafts, and then proceeds in bis Jour: fes them to All the day after, the be met berp' manp, pet the Roin of ! none defired Shaift , ercept (juft about Sun-fet) one crafty Perpoz filly Ass; him he Shrived, and for Penance en ally is Reli-jopned him to ferch a good Bundle of Straw, which gion be as a the for fa.d he would himfelt lie upon that Dight: The Bait propo-Mis obeps, and going to a Barne, that then flood fed. open , not far off , bab readily taken up a Sheaf of Wheat in the Straw, which be was in all baffe bearing away to bis Supposed Father Confesto2; but being mer by the Doner, bad the Sheaf taken from bim , and .. mag

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was foundly bang'd for bis labour. The for feeing this, laughed beartily, and went bis way. Hog that Dight be lodged near thereabout. On the Bozzow early, as be was passing forward be met many Beafts. which (upon the Report, the aforefaid ferrets had made of bis easie Wennance) fought bim out. on purpole to be Shaiben. the Shaibes them all . and for their Bennance enjoyned them, when and where: foeber he thould met them, or any one of them, they thould impart to bim of their Store, according to bis necedity: for more than baily necessaries (aid be) 3 Defire not : only this days Dinner I thall espect from They promife to perform all, and before Prom being bim a fat Boofe, which be thanks them foz, and further faid, Abere folemnly promife pou, at my return from the Kingdom of Feraria, whither I am now going, to being with me plenary Indulgences. to be by you purchased at a cheaper rate, or lower paice than eber Baieft fold them fog; by bertue of which, you may live how you will, and do what you lift, without fear of punishment, all the days-of your life. Thep bumbly thank bim, wich bim a good Journep and foedp return. Be paffeth on bis way, and after be bad Shaiben many other Beaffs, with the injunction of like Benance as befoge; it was bis hap to meet with Brocker the Badger, whom with Joy be thus Saluted; Cofin Brocket, I hope now (bery speedily) I shall be in some good capacity to requite all pour lobe, care, and pains taken for me. By pour good Countel and Conduct I purchafed this Comn, which (like Fortunatus bis Burfe) always fup plies me with abundance of all things nadful. I pany thee and Cofin Reynardine (quoth the Badger) what mean pou thus to fpeak. That pou babe been admit ted into the Monaffery A doubt not ; pour Babit plain

mobing that : But bompon came aut thence, and fill retein both pou the fame Meffune pou there moze . ira Riddle to me. for I well know the Rules of that Boufedo eniopa , that no one leaving the Monaftery ... sail be permitted to wear their Religious Gown any longer. It is true Cofin, faid the for, this Ribole I will another time unfold betwen pou and me. But the reason toby I compared mp Coat to Fortunatus his warfe, is this: Fortunatus never put his band into his Burfe, but always pulled out as much Donep as be nebeb fo ap Bown is neber fen by the ignozant. but it always supplies my wants to the full, they (as are judged itwere) offering Bacrifice to the Bown, not to me. off, as they for thould Riap off my Cost but for one bour, inftead not indeed of gibing me any thing, they would rather take from as they are. me all I babe. 3 beliebe it (faid the Babger) for the outward appearance only, is all that the bulgar gase at , according to which, they politibely beter. mine this 02 that. But pap Cofin tell me which way pou intend to Trabel now. Dow I purpofe, faid the for, to direct my Journey towards my own Countrep., which I fear not to bo , habing got fo good a Walport as this: I fear (quoth Brocket) pou will find no good Entertainment there. 3 must put that to a benture, faid Reynardine, boweber 3 am fure pou will like that Countrep well : If pour think good to bear me Company thither, I know it will be far your Good: if I fee no fafety in flaping there, i'll foon make a quick ike-Thep agree to go together, and all the wap in their Journey through the Bingdom of Zalan , are plentifully supplied with all Pecessaries, by the Fox his Votarics. The Fox and Badger in the mean time laugh in their Bleebes, and fecretly deride the mad Debotion of those Ideats, who would needs offer their Service to accompany Leynardine and Brocket to their Journeys

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send : But the Fox fozbid them, faping, ere long 3 will fee pou again , and then abibe with you a longer time. in the mean while go home, and erped my fpeeby Keruta with my befoze promifed Indulgences , which will gibe pou all content. They return bome, and the Fox and Badger proceed in their Journey . through the Province of Logwood, which thep find totally Ruined, as in the latter part of the Fourth Chapter uf this prefent Book. is briefip mentioned: therefoze there they flap not, but baffen fozward till they come to the bozders of the Bing. bom of Feraria, where they lodge that night. mozzow, when the Sun was fully rifen , they walk fair and foffly into that Kingdom, and fo the third and fourth day until almos Roon, about which time they were come nigh to the Lord Firrapel the Libbard's Countres Balace, in which be at that time lap fick of the Bout. Due of bis Serbitoas feeing Reynardine, and fuppo fing bim to be a Brieft . told bis Load an outlandin Brieff was come into thofe parts, and was now near bis Ho this the Lord Firrapel faid , baffen quickly and call him hither, for I would gladly confeis me felf and be abfolbed befoze I die. The Berbitoz runs to Reynardine, and after Dbeplance made . faitb. bir Prieft, 'mp bonoured Maffer the Load Firrapel fends for you, defiring Abfolution befoze be dies , foz be is at this time Sick, Meak, and bery full of Pain , 3 page Sir come quickly. The For goes with bim, and when baought into the Logds Chamber, was thus accoffed by the Logd Firrapel: Sir Prieft, I defire Abfolution, because I have at such and such times committed such and fuch bainous Dffences, particularly naming all (too many to be bere recited) among which be plainly confesses bis betraping of Reynard the Fox, his now Confessown father. All which Reynardine with great Batience and fæming Gabity diligently lifined to,

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and after tome fmall paule faid: Bir Firrapel your Sins are great and bainous, pet upon eafie Benance may all be parboned, except that one of Betraping Reynard the Fox (as you call bim) whom at that time you acknowledge was superioz to pour felf: Bad pou not confented to the fame Treafon with bim, pou would babe found no Caufe of Repentance at this time upon that fcoze. But feeing pou are now Sick and Meak, and a true Wenitent (as I beliebe) I will belp to bear pour Burthen with pout, and enjoyn as eafie a Wenance as polable I can. Dou mall foz all pour other Sins . ercept this laft mentioned , pay to the Booz of this Binadom a Talent of Silber by way of Alms gib. ing ; and for this laft, fo foon as you thall be able to go to Court, pou hall not cease to petition the Ring, that the bead and right band of Reynard map be taken down from the Woles, on which they are affired , un'il the Ring fall gant the fame: then fall you bury them. This you are willing to perform? To this bir Firrapel faid, I will perfoam all if I libe; but if I die the Alms hall be given : This I Solemulp Biomife. Aben 3. faid the l'ox bo bere as Solemnly Abfolbe pou, and pou are Abfolbed to this day. After this, the Lord Firrapel commanded Mictuals and a good Rewrad to be giben to this Supposed Prieft; who having received the fante, prefently went bis map. .

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CHAP. IX.

The Fox leaves Feneria, and returns into the Kingdomof Zelap, alone without the Badgers Company; continues his newly affumed Course of Life, and at last (through his own folly) loses his Religious Habit.

DiRocket the Badger, babing long expected Reynar-D dines coming, and at length feeing bim came out of the Bate, befling to meet bim, faid, bowis it Cofin. that you finid fo bery long? I have heard you thribe fee beral who have confessed a multitude of hina, pet pou never staped to long at the bearing of any Confestion. Arue Cofin, faid the Fox, but I neber thaibed a Load trefore, and great folkes pou know) love many Mords. and much Maiting on. But this Did Millain bath paid me wellenough ; look bere, be gabe me all this. belf of which I give to you, in part of Becompence for all pour Hindness. The Badger took one moin of the Libbards Benebolence to Reynardine, returning the Fox great Thanks foz the fame. After this the continued feberal Dape together thereabout , without any Profit: for the Beafts of that Kingbom would come and fand fill to gase upon the Fox's Religious. Babit : but none would offer to request Abfalution. og defire Shaift: Aberefoge the Fox had a mind to te turn into the Ringdom of Zalap, but the Badger was befirous to go into the fozeff; where Reynardine burt! not thew bis Bead. Bereupon they agree to part in friendly fort; and accordingly the Badger goes into the fozeft (where be lived long after) and the Fox returns to the Kingdom of Zalap, where his Moraries bad lang expected bim. But befoze be went in thirber , be: probided himfelf with feberal Scrolls made of Leaves waitten :

waftren with a certain Gibbaid Language, woolly inknown both to bimfelf and others. Thefe be called Inbulgentes , which the Ignozant fortas eagerly Cobeteb, as if they had been true Indulgences indeed. Then those be had befoze fribed, saw bim, thep infinitely rejopced, as if fome Bob bab appeared among them; Dim thep falute, bow and cainge to: De again after a flate Ip manner , refalutes them. Aben they ask bim foz his Indulgences, be faith they are ready; but muff firt know whether they be fit to receive them. Bereupon they come all to a new Shaift, which baings in no small Baift to the Fox's Will. After that be fets bis feigneb Indulgences to Sale, and every filly Beaff that could purchase one of them, thought bimfelf bappp. The Drices be fet on them . were not to all alike ; but be rated each Indulgence, according as be thought each Beatt was best able to pay: Woney be esteemed not, because be could not Azaffique there where it was ufed: There: hewed the Toze his prices were to many Chickens. to many Dens, mad Devoti-Ducks, Geefe, Rabbers, Bidgeons (if they could catch on of Ignothem) or the like. Abus be libed long without labour, rant Perfons. in the fulnets of all things: And that be might want nothing to make him a compleat Abby Lubber , Dicktel the Stalking Porle comes to bim to be fiziben; of bim for Wenance be requires balf abosen Miloducke. De readily Robs bis Walter, and beings them to bim. Likewife Jowler the Betting dog (Bezbitoz to the fame Mafter) after the Grample of the Bogle, comes to Shaift. The Fox requires for his Wenance a dozen of Watzidges, which be (robbing his Pa-Afrerthis, in Imitation of other fier) allo baought. Beaffs, both thefe Poeots requelled Indulgences, which they paid for out of their Wafters Store. Panp more Beafts came to bim upon the fame Account, to all which be sold his Indulgences, to be paid for at

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had moze than would be fpent whilft it was good, Potwithflanding all this fulnefs . be failed not in the Dight, bunting foz bis pleature, to follow bis old Azade of Stealing; but be was nor able to play the Mbief fo becaufe, through bis too much Derteroufip as befoze: Feeding be was grown berp fat and Anmeilop. A bere: foze be would babe left off bis Digbt Azabe alregetber. bad be not effeemed bis Stoln Bogfels fweeter than all that was giben bim. Dna Day a certain Wabe Beaft, wifer than his fellows, comes to Reynardine, Demanbing of him, why be abufed the Credulty of the Gulgar, in fogrofs a manner? Aothis the Fox fuddenly answered, They will have it so. S. Vulgus vult decipi, decipiatur, is a common Maxim of the Schools. 300 nothing, but what they befire of me : they cheat themfelves; if I bo not take advantage of their Hollies, o: Dab Millain; faid this Gabe Beaft , get thers will. quently abuse you packing oz 3 will fend pou bence with a Chengeance. The Fox being foze afraid, flies, aud be purfues, intend factors in de- ing to bathe Reynardine quite out of that Lington. fence of their But the Bulgar feeing this, immediately refcue their fathen Confessoz, and bis Burfuer was now gladbim felf to fie to aboid their farp. Abus be continued his Roguery, without other Controul, fozalong time after, until one Right, intending to Bob'a Mealth Farmers Ben-rooft, be by the flender Light of the warn ing Moon, Difcernied a Steel-Arap, laid in the Walfage to welcome fuch Dight Gueffs as himfelf; out this be knew be could not pass without eminent dans ger, therefoze be firuck at it with the lapper of bis Bown; but being not nimble enough to dawit away. that was catcht back, and be pulled down with the full benjerk of the Engin. De laboured all be could to free bis Gown , but could not; upon the noife of the Engin falling

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falling out comes a Young Pan (who had purposely Matched that Right) with a Prong in his hand, incending to kill him that was taken. The Fox perceibing this, was constrained to leave his Bown behind him, and sie away Raked with all the speed he could. Thus ended the Fox's Priesthood.

CHAP. X.

The Fox having lost his Religious Habit, is in danger of D. ath by his own Votaries; escaping that danger, being in great Penury, cozens Vorax the wolf of a piece of Flesh; and after that durst abide no longer in Zalap.

The Fox after this great Loss haffens to his Lodging that Dight, and lap there Two days. not firring feath or thewing himfelf to anp : wanp of his Chents Supposing him Sick, come to Mi: fir bim; but be refused their Wifit, faging be bad enippned bimfelf a Benance offour daps faft, which being ended be would wew bimfelf to them; befoze be duaft not (as be laid) because of bis Bow. They beliebing this, bepart and return at the time appointed in azeater Dumbers than before. De then knowing be could not hell refer them to a further day; and because his 1820vision failed; was forced to thew bemfelf not without Shame and Bzief) to bis Motaries, who knew bim not : Therefore boping by bis glosing Mongue to retriebe the lass of his Gown, by his woods, thus spake: Bere flands pour Brieff, naked and poor, by facrilegious hands fpoiled of his Religious Babit and all be had during his . fatt. for the Dight before the laft a frong Billain : fuch an Dne as you formerly faw purfuing me, entered : bere, and bearing me foze, robbed me of all, as I faid: But.

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But to vour comtost and mite I fpeak if . I boubf not but that in a few days the Daczilegions Mariet Gall be forced to refloze all. Dere be was interrupted by the murmuring noise of many in the Company. fome of whom pittying his Condition, faid, they would purfue the Sacrilegious Millain that bad fo wickedly fpoiled their Wzieft: but-others laid that be bimlelf was the Sacrilegious Berfon that bab moff barbaroufly muzbred their Brieft; conbered away bis Goods, and bid bis Beligious Babit purpofelp to ulurp bis Blace : Abere foze lap thep. let us rebenge roe Baieffs Death on bim. Dibers of them were of a contrary Dvinion . not altogetber agreeing with the firft : Thele laid let us not rate ly Bill bim, but wait to fee whether be can (as be labs he doubts not but that be fall) force the Billain to re If to, the Eruth will be manifelt, and we in the mean white thall not need either to Burfue the one of Rill the other. Abis Councel (rare in the Aulgar was applauded by all; only fome (wifer than their fel lows) faid, fet us watch bim that be elcape not, fill me certainly know whether be be our Brieft oz not. The the Fox flanbing up. laib, Sirs 3 certainly knot (for foit was repealed to me in a Dream this latt Bight that the Sacrilegious Werfon will not only be bilcourt ed, but alfo be entogeed against bis will to restoze in Religious Babit, and all things elfe be robbed me on ercept the Miduals be bath eaten; and this within It baps at fartheft. In the mean while, feeing be barb let me nothing toeat, after mb four baps fatt, I requit you would supply me wird food during my confinement Moz. it you pour felbes de not confine me, I mult confine mpfelt, having made a Solemn Cow not to fir out at this place (unleis enfozced) till mp Bown be reftozed to me again. They bearing this, promite him baily Hook and accordingly Capply bim tog that day; at night the appoint

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spoolat four Beaffs to watch that be flip not away Reynuitine glad at his Beart, be had to beluded them, when it Daem towards Midnight feigned bimfelt fall a: flow , fnazing fo as bis Beepers thought no lefs; there: the thep mierufting nothing fall afleen, thinking w would not fart. The Fox waiting this Dopoztunity, teek time by the foze-top, and got foftly out by them, and fo efcaped; not baring to abide there longer, left his frand hould be discovered : for bad they then known, as they afterward did , bow be loft bis Gown ; they hould neber babe fuffered bim to efcape alive , becaufe be had to bafely cheated them with his pretended Indul. vences, which they also (not long after) found to be falfe. Reynardine babing efcaped this banger, wanders felitarily in Bp-places, as far from Company as be could: and tobereas befoze, be paetended a feigned boluntary faffing; now be is confirained (full for against bis Mitt to Saft fometimes two oz three daps ogether, to that his fat abated a pace. Thus be, who but a little before libed in the fulnels of all things, a bounding with plenty ; is now reduced to Ertream Benurpand In this poor plight be lived, till be was almost wearp of Libing : but it bappened, after a long faft , fortune prefented bim with an opportunity of obtaining abetter Deal than be at any time fince bis @fcape could eber find: for in a clear dap afcenbing alittle Bill, bigh enough for him to view the Wlain round about, be efpied Voranthe Wolf, bafting a-pace from a Bilhave where behad foln a piece of flet bim be meets in the way, and thus Satures : Dapprin mer Coun vorax, fince the unlucky time wherein our Barente fell inte that difmall Defaller , that bath ruined us all ; it was ather my fortune to fee you , or any of my Cofins of pout family : Dow I bope pon will them me fome Ainbaels in my prefent diffrels. Daze the Fox mould babe .

babe fooken . but the Wolfinterrupting bim . faid, I will not own you , noz any of your family to be of kinnie me , feeing I too well underftand , that pour fathers great Ambition was the Buin of mp father, the Doble Lord Chief Prelate Ifgrim, and of all us bis Childzen and Dephews : I know pour Craft well enough , pour only forage acquaintance with me now, in hopes to be artaker of my Booty bit I will fee you choak'd befoze you hall habe a bit on't. Bou thall neber abufe me, as pour father abufed mine : no no, I habe moze wit, than to be fo belubed. Dear Cofin, taib the Fox. why fpeak pon to barfuly to one that is even at the point of Death not for want of food, Ales! that is not me Difeafe; but (this bery Moaning) eating too much. bath baought on me fo Miolent a Surfeit , that I fear it will coft me my Life, unlefe I can be infoamed where twells a Leech; that repairing to bim, I map by wedi cine find relief; otherwife Jam fure 3 cannot libe the days to an end. Relief by Medicine, faid the Wolf, pon are a fool . A never was willing to expose my Body to the practices of any Leech; my fathers way and mine always was to faft it out: that is the best Kemeb But 3 pap where met pou wirh fo great in the Mozid plento, as to Surfeit therewith : T'le affure pou, in this Countrep fuch Abundance is rarely found. Ab! Coff (quoth the Fox) I with I may never moze babe futh findings; for if I had not in fome measure bridled my Appetite, I had certainly died with eating; fo lucious, and above measure pleasant was the Booty I met with: And could I have been to happy as temperately to have ufed mp Abundance, I bad undoubtedly bad , of that ep cellent Babifion, enough to babe ferbed me a whole Meek after , nap I think foz a much longer time. I pany thee Cofin, faid the Wolf, where met pen withle fair a Booty , what fort of Weat was it ? The Com,

totell pouthe Eruth , it was Lamb, . Lamb, quoth the Wolf. I love that above all Weat in the World. Ab! faid Reynardine, and well you may; for in all the Carth no Weat is to belicate and pleafant as that. I being #: broad this Worning early, met with two Sucking-Lambs, ffraped far from their Dams ; finding thefe in a private and very convenient place. I killed them both; and by the [weemels of their Blood underflood what Dainties 3 bad met with. Dpening them, 3 wholly ear up the Beart and Liber of one, and moze than balf the Liber of another, befides other parts of their fleth, but I thall babe caufe to repent this Cating (foz ought I know) as long as I live. This fulfils the Properb. Sweet Meat must have Sower Sauce. Which I find too true in my felf. Bood Cofin tell me where dwells a Leech, that I map go to bim for a Burge or Momit, to eafe my ober charged Stomach. Dou need no Burge oz Comit faib the Woif if pe will be ruled by me, only faff, and Sleep as much as you can, and that will be a lafe and eafie Remedy. . Hell me but where you met with this Roble Booty, and I hall account my felf obliged to you for ever. That I will Cofin, quoth the Fox, with all my Beart. See you not gonder bery bigh Elme, that is bigber by much than all the Trees about it? Des, faid the Wolf, Abere quoth the Fox, under a Buick-fer-bedge, in a dap Ditch, 3 laid them both and cohered them with Leabes, that they might not be feen by wallengers ; there you will readily find Bow far think pou, faid the Wolf, is that high Elm from this place? The Fox replied about Ten Furlongs off. not further 3 am fure: Mell then , quoth Vorax the Wolf. I will baffen thither; but what hall I do with my piece of fleth in the mean time? That faid the for you may leave here with me, if you pleafe . I will carefully keep it tilt your keturn ; on-

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le let it be late up in this Cabe, out of my Biebt, the I have the fight of flet, at b always thall, till my Sromach is Difcharged. During pour Abfence; 3 wil (accoading to pour Abbice) endeabour to Sicep, boping that will bome good, It will I il warrant pou, faib the welf Berelies the fleth, A will bid you farewel, and baffen thither. Do fo faith Reynardine, I with you well good. greedy hopes Cofin. The Fox having thus abufed the Wolles Czeduli: of what is to, laughe in bis feebe, and haffilp (fo foon as be perreibed the Wot was gone far er ough) Cats up the flet. and runs a clean contrary way to that the Wolfwas gone. and bes bimfelf in a Cabe all that bay. The Wolf coming to the place the Fox fpake of fam neither Duick fer bedge noz Dap bitch near thereabout ; therefore, at ter along and redious fearch. (for what was not to be found) be returned in a rage to find out Revnardine. whom be could never after fee, to the day of his Death. amben be could neither find the Fox noz the flet be bab intruffed bim with , be curfeb bis own Crebulty . and bowed to revenge his Abute, by the Death of Revnardine whereforber be could find bim The Fox well knowing his own danger, which his prefent Bunger hab precipited him into, refolbed with all fpeed to leave that Kingdom and (as foon as paffible) to return into bis own Countrep, whatfoever thould betide bim. This Refolbe be put in Grecutian, and about three: Dans after not into the Province of Longwood, inch Der to bis befage intended Journey.

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The Fox entring the Kingdom of Feraria, meets Old Grimbard the Brock, shrives him, and a sketh his Counfel. He wither him to advise with Zani the Ape. The Ape. (apon Sight of the As) counfels him to turn Physician: makes a Diguise for him, &c.

much run to his Lodging, of his described will no The that Province be flaged not, but haffned all be could into the Kingdom of Feraria , where being R entred , after be had feulked about for fome time, be at lengthe spied Dle Grimbard the Brock, who for bery Age) was full of Gap Pairs all ober; him be thus Saluted: Reberend Cofin, mp Bogoured Barbers Dio friend, Jam berp glad to fee pout. To this the Brock (being by reason of his Age dim fighted) replied, toba are you that thus Salutes me , 3 cannot remember whole you were? Why yir, faid the Fox. I am Reynardine the son of Reynard. D Colin, faid the Brock , Jam glad to hear you theak, but plainly diftern you I cannot, by reason of my weak Bigbe; bowever pay tell me bow it is with you, and what to become of your Baother Volpis? Reberend Sir, quorb the Fok, mp Baother bieb long ago ; and I babe been put to mp Shifts ever fince the Death of mp Hather: I was once a Prieft in Daders ; but the errreum Aufterity of that Life. was ros lebere for my poung years to brook. Dere Grunbard interrupting, fait, Ita Prieft, Cofin & prop waibe me, for I have haiben pour father more than wince, and he had al ways good luck after it. Revnardine hearing this, immediately fhaines Grimbard the Brock, and freedity after fait . Good Cofin , I yray fabour me fo much , as to abbife me what Courfe is ben for me to fake : 3fee no fafety in libing abrond? RO

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Po nozat home neither, faib the Brock ; bate pou no beard bow by the Binus Proclamation)it is made Death for you to return into this Bingbom? Den Sir, quoth . the fox but is there no way to live bere; and escape that Danger. Bot that I know of faib Grimbard. Cofin (faid be Jam Did and am nom flubping bom to De not to teach fuch Poungfiers as you bote to libe. Pour poung Cofin Zani the Ape libes clofe by , I will go with you to his Lobging . if be be at bome, be will Abbile you ten rimes better than Tel foz be makes it bis bufinels to fludy Caft land Subtilty, and to teach de fperate Werfans bow to retriebe thein loft fortunes. So on they went together to Zani's Longing, who being at bome, bery kindly faluted:them both: but Dld Grimbard (being by Age taught to be wifer, than to meb ele in fuch matters) grabely took his leave of them. and departed. Then be was gone, Zani (extremm glad to fee Reynardine) faib. Cofin, 3 am beartily glat to fee you alibe and in-bealth, but confidering the Profici ption poulie under and the danger pou are bourly exposed by reafon of that, troubles me not a little Elbat Courts intend pou to take? Dave pou not in all pour Travels learned fome Science, oz Appfferp to libe bp? To this the Fox replied, Cofin, I have undergone barious chang ges of fortune, fometimes bp , fometimes beion ; once I was a Prieft in Debers, after that (when 3 left the Monaflery, the Severity of which I could not brook I lived maft fplendidly, by taking Shaifes often and bifpenfing Indulgences ; but moft unfoatungtelp lofing mp Keligious Dabit. I was in banger of Death, which of ver baffily endeabouring to escape, I too fuedenly fell in to extream Woherty. After this, I was confirmed to Mander like a Magabond , until 3 could come hirbers but being bere, am (as pou fee) in little berter Blight than before. Pou know the Did fayings, Necessity is the

the Mother of Inventions; and Advertity is a better-Schoolmafter, than Profperity: And Poverty (to be fure) fharpens the Wit .- Aberefoze Cofin, if pou can think of putting me into any way , whereby I may with Safety line here (for 3 bate the thoughts of libing elfe where) boubt not, but you hall find ma capable to embrace and pratife the fame. While be thus fpake. Zani the Ape fam Simpleson the Als (cloathed in Ruffet-Welbet, mith a-Lift of Black Satin Down the Back , and about bis Shoulders) paffing up in great State, with his Lacquie athis Beels. Dim be thewed to Reynardine, who askine what be was, the Ape Answered. Abis is Simpleton the Ale. Doctoz of Wholick. Dom | faid the for. what Joeots were thep, that mabe fuch an Als-Docto? Dou miftake Cofin , quoth Zani . De mate bimfelf a Poctez, and the Ideors beliebing bim fuch, babe caufed wifer than they to be of the fame belief. foz beis now roing to Elffit the Load Firrapel, at this time (as be oftenis biek of the Bout and this Load is fo far per fmabed of his great Ability . that be bath commended bim. to many other Robles ; in fo much that the Als now. is the only Ibbefician of Dote in the fozeft. And well be map , for this I will fap in bis Bebalf: (and a fig for bim) be is ercellent in administring Burgers, Comitwies. Cloffers, Bliffers, and Dpiats, whiche tream is please the greatest part of the Inhabitants of this Ringdom, whether poor or rich, noble or ignoble; and tho, by this way of Bratice be kills more than be cures, his no matter to? that, the Babe co bers all, and be in the mean while knows bow to please their Kelations : laping, their time was come. But Clin, faid the Fox. doth not this famous Als-Doxo2 also let Blood? To this Zani the Ape replied, pes dofin, pes, I bad forgot hat. That is bis Mafter prece. Det on my Conscience. Blood-letting allo boes often fimes moze burt than good.

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fet. Poulap verg true quoto Zani ; therefoze Cofin, (if you think you can pleafe fools) I would avoire you alfo to turn Dodoz. Well Cofin, and the for Jell not. as unlikely things babe come to pafs. 3 babe read over Gallens Wethod of Whyfick , moze than once ; and am not alittle Skilled in the afe of Simples by bim preferibed. Alle Iknew bow to prepare and abminifter Emericks, Catherricks, Diauhoreticks, and Diurcticks, What hard Rames are thefe Cofin, faid the Ape? Abele quoth the Fox, are only Merms of Art, ufeb by Abpficians, that their Batients may abmire, tohat they cannot un der ffand. A few Czamp woods froken by a Dottoz, al-

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oz things commonly known are not regarded. Pou lap well Countaid the Ape : Ifee norbing to the contrare but that you may bery laudably practife Whyfick : but without some notable Difquile that cannot be bone with Safety: Bendes (if I unberffand the remper of our Country folk) it will be alla neceffary, that pen pzefent your felfas a great Erabeller and Stranger come from Forrain Barts ; otherwife (Dotto: Simpleton babing already got fo great repute) pon will bardly e ber come to be famous of Eminent And a Doctor with Nations, that out fame (boto skillul foeber) thall never get nap thing to purpose. All this is true, faid the fox, I can easily give Credit to play the Counterfeit any way that thall be neeoful : but I babe no Difquife to wear , . noz knoto I bow to procure any. Leave that to me, quorb the Ape, for I have all things necessary for the purpose. It is not long finit I (with my Companions) going out upon a folick, found a Wediar afteep, with his Back lying by bim. Ebis Back we took away, and as equally as we could bivide all the Mares amongft us. By this means Jam fort with Razors, Lancels, Scilers, Combs, &c. By the belp

ways creates Admiration in the Eufgar.

It is the great Foliy of a'most all they rather Strangers, than to their own Country Men.

belo of which, I doubt not but to make you a complete" wifquite: foz firft I muft fobe off all the Bair of pour Wail , then bpe pour Coat all ober Black; and laffly, make pou a Berriwig of Sheeps Woell (byed alfo. Black) that hall wholly cober both Bead and Cars: being thus Difguifed, pou man fecurely baoceebin the Bracice of Bhpfick. But when I babe done this, I fhall erded to be requited with fame part of pour Baofits .. which 3 know will be great ; if you admit me for pour berbitos, Ihabe a Striped Libery fit for my felf. mitable to the purpo e: Befibes 3 can feel the Bulle. and let Blood with my Lancers; and by that means hall be not only ferbiceable, but also very beneficial to vou. Pou fay well Coun, faid the fox, let us go about our Moak , I Doubt not but it will take well; and unu thall be fure to have the third part of mp Boofits , in Apples, Duts, and what elle pou pleafe to make up your full therd part. Content, quoth the Ape. Babing thus agreed, the Apein a few baps bad oped the Fox's cont, haved his Mail, and mabe bim a complere Black merribig, that covered his Bead and Gars : and then they fat together in confult how to manage their future Bufinels to their bed Abbantage. in and main the case and mail and

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CHAP. XII.

The Fox disguised and arrended on by Zani the Ape. enters the Forrest by the Name of Doctor Pedanis; His Bills and Method of Practice.

I the end of their Confuir , it was agreed bes tween them , that Revnardine fould enter the Jozzeff, by the Rame of Doctoz Pedanto; Zani as his perbitoz, and both affirm that the Fox was a Stranger , Datibe ofa berp far Countrep, that bearing of the fame of the Bingbom of Feraria, bas come this ther purpofely to fee it , and them bis Skill there. Are coadingly the for in great State walks into the fogget. Zani the Ape following bim as bis Lacquie. In the way they went, whenfoeber Zani was asked by any of the Beafis of the fozzeft (as be often was) what Stranger that was . be always answered be was an Dutlandin Pophician, berp Learned, and a great Traveller, by Rame Doctoz Pedanto. - Then thep were come into the for reft , after their Choice offeberal Lobgings , this neb Dectoz took one in the Bigh-freet of the Sozzeft, not far from Dottoz Simpleron's Balace But Simpleton calling bim Wountebank reproachfully fcorned bim,faping, Trade cannot (which was in part truer than be himfelf thought)thisis fome Magabond Rafcal that cannot libe elfe where, who bearing of my great (though not undeferbed) fame, bopes either to eclipfe mp Repute, oz to peocure to bim: felt the like Bonour. The for either not bearing og not minding this Reproach, fo foon as be was fettled, caufel bis Bills to be Baffed up , upon many of the Arees & the foggeft; the Menes of which ran thus.

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Good Tidings to the Sick and Lame.

Hereas there is lately come into these Parts, a very honourable, truly, wife and learned Physician, by Name Dr. Pedante; who by his great Travels in Forraign Kingdoms, can speak Five and thirty fe-ing Boafts of veral Languages; and having been Physician to three Outlandish Emperors, seventeen Kings, thirty nine Dukes, infinite Doctors. other Great Lords, and Persons of Quality, hath attained the true Art of Healing, equal to the Knowledge of Hippecrates and Galen, and far beyond the Skill of any other yet known in the World at this day. This Phylician hearing of the great Fame of this renowned Kingdom, having Travelled far to see it, is now desirous to shew his great Skill in this place. Therefore proposeth to all Difeafed Persons whatsoever, to Cure the Running of the Reins (by Artists called the Gonorrhan) the Pox, Gout, Sourver, Dropfie, and all other Distempers whatsoever, internal or external, whether curable or not. And all this for a very reasonable Reward, * requiring nothing before *The comthe Cure be fully performed.

mon pretenct of Quacks;

This Famous Dotter is to be spoken with every hour of the tho they day (if argent Busuess binder not,) at his Ladging is the mean far o-High-street of the Forrest, within five doors of Dr. Simple- therwise. ton's Palace, VIVAT REX.

As this Bill greatly troubled Doctor Simpleton, and Tome few other fuch Bhyficians of the forzett, fo it ertreamly pleased the Aulgar, who nock in beaps to this Supposed Butlandif Dottoz. foz, though they unberfood not what the Bill meant, because they could not read; pet by Bear lay and Zani's profule Praifes of his Mafter, they concluded that Doctoz Pedanto was the only Physician then living in the Mozid; and Poctoz Simpleton was but an Als to him. Aperetoze one comes

comes for a Burge , another for a Clamit ; a third (becaufe of great Collibenels) requires a Clyfter; a fourth would needs be let Blood, becaufe of a great Archine (be faid) be bad ebery where about bim. Anofber (inbing a pain bebind bis Car) requires a Blifer of two to be raifeb. Many moze came, complaining of other Da. ladies but each of thefe thought bimfelf wife enough to teach this new Doctoz what he thould Abminiffer to them. The Fox well knowing the old temper of the Aulgar, pleafes all; therefoze to one foz a Burge; be gibes Jallap-root infused in Liquoz foz a Bight oz two; to another (upon the fame Account) be gibes Rubarb(in a large quantity) infused in the Juice of Gapes: to a third, a Decoction of Sena Leaves, to a fourth Troches of Alhandal; to a fifth Scammony, and to others Coloquintida. To fome to proboke Homiting. be gabe White Vitriol (diffolbed in Mater) Afarabacca Leaves freeped in Mine : Stibium, Gum de Peru, Hellebore, and the like. Dis Bliffers (alias Clyfters) were only fuch as were commonly used and prescribed by Doctoz Simpleton the Als: foz better be knew not. Like wife in letting Blood, be without Diffinction of Age 02 Ser (ercept in the quantity only) let all Blood that came according to the utual mode; and if Mischief came thereof, be bad bis Answer ready: A ber would babeit Dis Blifters were ufually raifed with Cupping-Glaffes , oz elfe with Spanish flyes , oz other like Weffi: catoap Toaments. which made bis Watients after the firt Experiment, neber to benture a fecond Mapal : and pet (for all that) they remain no lefs free from Dan than befoze. But the most raging and Epidemical Difeafe of the forgen, was the Surfeit; which fwept away many yearly, and almost every Wonth invaded one as other. In the Cure of this, be fosgor nor to enjoyn Abilinence from food, as a necessary part of the Cure, accosp.

perozding to the advice of Voras the Wolf, giben to bimtelf . when be feigned be was afficeb wirb the fame Di flemper. Deberthelels foz bis own profit, bei pres feribes a Bomit of two at firft , and after the Stomach was well emptied , failed not to open a Meine ; boping by this means they would return to bim the fooner : As indeed fome bid, but others never came again, being through too much lofs of Blood fo enfeebled, as they could never after play the Bluttons any moze. The Runming of the Reins, few were republed with, but, to fuch as were to afflicted, be gave Turpentine in a New-laid-Egg , Bolearmenao , and other Affringents, though not much to the purpole : howfoever they pleafed many . because of some abatement of the Malady for a time. The Pox it felf fewer bab, that would come to bim: buch as did, be flured with Wereury. And by thefe and the like waps, be procured to bimfelf no smal Reputation; in fo much, that be bad many of the Affes Batients, and those normal fools neither. foz amongft others, Mitlefs the Als (Dottoz Simpletons own Cofin) who thought himfelf equal, if not far Cuperioz, to his Cofin in Wit, came to Doctoz Pedanto: faping, Reberend Doctos, Abear poware a bery skilful Leech, come from some far Countrep, panyitherefoze be pleased to heal my Belly-ach; for I cannot (either wet or Day) eafe mp Belly : If you cure me bird wilt be cure to blaft our your Mozhips Baifes fo, as all the Beaffs in the for reft thall certainly bear the fame, and then a fig for my proud Cofin Simpleton's Dottozibin: for 3 know well though Sir (Daugee album Colinchail object to the contrary) if 3 but once commend yen as a skilfill Wocroz, it's twenty to one, butthat all the Bealis of the for! reff Eccho ta what I fapi and immit biately after ubat; to be fure pou will be called the famous Dortez Pedanto. The fox bearing this (tho be laughed fectetly at the Ali fes figuem

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few Folly) gabe him a Laxarive Bedicine, wherehe be eased his welly Ach so the present; but sound little ar as increase of Bractice; upon the Commendations of his Aitless: Portwirkstuding (his Kame otherwise encreasing) be was often sent for to several of the most Eminent Beasts of the Forzest, among whom his Firrapel the Libbard. (otherwise called, Lord Firrapel) sent a Pessenger purposely to sereth him to his Country Balace, about beken Piles distant from the Horzest, where he lay sick and weak, partly with Age, hut chiefly with the Court assisted, finding to Relief or Ease by all the Pedicines Ductor Simpleton or others could Abaminister to him.

CHAP. XIII

The Foregoing to Sir Firrapel the Libbard, purposely kills him with Opinm; but escapes without Suspicion. Zami, upon a falling out, leaves him, intending to serup for himself in the Forrest.

Pe Spellenger coming to Doctor Pedanto, laib; Mothipful Hirthe Lord Firrapel (my honoursed Pather) lying very Hick and Meak, and for extensive full of Pain. That he cannot kell Hight up Day, requells your Mordings Prelence and Affiliance; promising (by me) nobly to recompense all your Care and Bains. Ahis he had me tell pour hir. Kothisthe Fox laid, Your far from this place is your Lords Palet? The Pellenger Antwered, Chrestope Juriongs or there about. Mait a while faid the Fox, and I will go with you. Then Reynardine well remembring his faithers Charge, given to himself and his Reather, to hate unto Death the Libbard and Pancher, Tyredily a mongli

nge office Debicines purs uper good quantity affipinat. It is a wicwhich he had carefully kept (Zani not knowing what it ked thing for was) from the time be first began his Waartice of Why. Parents to sch : This farbel made up with speed, he belivers bequeath Rem the Deffenger , and commanding Zani to put on his venge (as a ben Coat, and go wirh bim ; be went forth, leabing their Chilhis Lobeine to Bibbreithe Cat, who had been (for fome dren. Thus time befoze) admitted into bis Service; charging bim did Amilcar to tell all that enquired for bim , whither he was gone; to his Son and that he would be at home the next Posning betimes. Hanibal; Pabing faid this, be walks on (after the Bellenger) in which progrest brate, with Zani at bis beels, until thep were ved the Demt auite out of the fozzeff. Then bidding the Bet- more than: fenger to go fafter, they all fo mended their pace, that Three hunin two Bours time. they were got within fight of dred thoubir Firrapels Balace. At the fight of which, the Fox fand Romans; commanding the Meffenger to go before, laping, we will befides the The Meffenger bib fo; and befoze the Fox utter ruine, and Ape were come up to the Gate, Poung Sir Firrapel tion of his was come forth to meet them ; who Saluted the for own Counwith great refpect: fiping, Meberend Doctos Pedanto, trey. pon are a very welcome Queft at this time. for my father is almost at Deaths door : Aprap good Sir walk in, and refret pour felf a while, and then go up to my father. Hor my Berbant tells me what bafte pou tinue mode, fog tobich I gibe van great thanks. The for replied, Benoured bir, it is not thepart of a good. Dipacian , coming to bifit a Batient in great Diffrefs, moat the point of Death, (as pau fap my Lord pour Pable Inther is) to respect his own case of refresh ment fo much , ne bis Batients welfare. Aberefoze Imil ard (if possible) give your Sather form tale, and Mir bards refreth mp felf. Poung bir Firrapel bearing his , prefently brought bim into bis Rathers Chamer, where after fome fem Dueftions were asked of the

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Diffenfeb Lord, be called for bis Serbitor Zani, bibe be commanded to being the Bot of Dyntment, that was for all waging Bains. A be Ape obeps , and (babing brought it) was by his Wafter commanbed to anoist and supple the Dlb Load's Souty Limbs, with that Anodine Unguent. De bib fo. and took great Bains thered about, much to the bick Loads content, the but little Cale was inferred thereby pet fome be bab, whichgabe bopes of moze. After this Anction was over the for Ab minifireda Cozdial and not long after that a Julep , then left his Patient, to eafe and refresh himfelf, and bis Wartner Zani, foz it was by this time almost Dight In the mean tobile Doing Sir Firrapel bad pavided fumptuous Bupper foz the Doctoz and bis Berbitor which being fer befoze them, the for foggot not to tell the Poung Lozd, that his Serbitog took no grent pleafure in eating of fleth; therefore be bumbly te quefted be might habe a few Apples and Duts foz bit Serbant. Abis was prefently performed, and Zani and bis Maffer plentifully Supped that Right to bat their Contents. After Supper thep were conducted to Beds of frem Strate, where they lay down to Sleep. But a little after Widnight . when the flupefactibem benumming faculty of the Anguent was wholly energe ted, the Did Load's pains returned with greater Mioleme than befoze. Apon this the for was baffilp called and the Ape (to befure) could not lie long after. So thep to to Mozk with their Anguent as befoze anointing his difeafed Limbs therewith . until be found fome refpite from bis extream Tozture ,then they beffter Bot lang after, the for perceibing the time now to fabour bis me licious enterprife : tella Foung Bir Firecoel, be coth give bis father comething to being him to reft; butht feared be would Die in bis Bleep, and therefoge but not do it. The Poung Lord hearing this . faid, blen Dir.

Sir. is that which my father only wants ... and could be bleep welle I boute nor bat be would Recover 'E in true faid the for , Steep is the Arcanum of Wedicine. and the only thing be wants : for could be once bleep. the but for fome fmall time. I certainly know bis Bains febrough the Efficacy of my Dedicines) will all fubbento banift, but fould be Die in bie Sleep, as I babe inft caufe to fear be map then 3 (being a Stranger) hall be erpoted to the banger of the Law , through the malice of mp Cnemies. To this Doung Firrapel faib ; fear not that good Doctoz, upon my Bonour no Cbil wall befall you, if mp father bappen to die this time : only Procure fome reft I pray bir. Abat I will my Lozd, faid the Fox, and immediately gabe the Dlo Lozd fo large a Dole of Opium , that be foon after fell affeen and neber waked moze. But before be was faft afleep, Reynardine told bis son, that after bis father bab fept four bours be muft awaken bim, not with aup jogging noife, oz biolence, but gently and fweetly with a Taboz and Bipe, at firft plaid upon bery foftle. and afterwards louder and louder , till he bould be fully and well awakned. Abis the Boung Load paomifed, and to dismissed the Fox with a great Beward, gibing Zain alfo a good Beefent : After Doctoz Pedanto and bis Attenbant Zani were gone, the Dlo Libbazo flept indeeb, Inszing fo loub that the whole family (bis Son efpecially beard it with fuch jop; that thep all betook them: felbes to reff , which thep also much wanted : bp which means the Fox's Countel was fozgot, till be was fark bead, cold and fiff. Then they knew too well that the Laboz and Wipe could be of no ufe at all. So be was: afterward bonourably buried; and Doctoz Pedanto's Reputation not in any wife called in Queffien : foz Boung Firrapel and all bis Attendants fecretip blanied themselbes, not in the least suspecting the persidi-

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Murtherers often differ about the Spoil they have taken: and by fuch themselves: as is evident by the following Difcourfe.

wits diffiant of Reynardine, who not long after was diferenced, and then justip achieved Outley of that wind ber. But in the mean while be breamt of no luch marter until be came bome. Then inbeet, the firft begianines of his Wewnfall, were manifelt, for be and bis ber bitoz, or (more truly to fornk) bis Bartner, were me fooner entred their Longing, but Zani bemands bis third part of Revnardines Reward, received from the Lozd Firrapel. To this the Fox antwered, he has content , panided be mauld likewife Deposite bis Warfent ! that the monte man be rougily bibibed : other wife faith Thieves & be ; an equal Dividend cannot be made. Abe Ape mell knowing, if he bid fo . little moze than tobat be alreade bad, would fall to his there, refuted; taping, my late. Tent was giben, in recompence of the great Wains I took. therefore is properly my about, but the Keward you receibed ought (according to our Contract) to be countie ftrife discover bibibed into there pasts , one of which is mine , the ther two are pours. I require norbing but my bue: 202 Ineither faid the Fox. Joz if the Wrefent be who ly yours , the Remard alfo is wholly mine : both being received upon one and the Tame Account. Bose the would babe faib each to other , but were interrupted i Batients that came in. After that , tho they continued feberal Contbs together , they had often and frequent bebates about the fame thing , but neither Barty would pield to make an equal Dividend. At lenuth the difference grew to bigh , that the Ape left bim in an Duff. I rending to fet up for bimfele.

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Zani the Ape attempts to practice Physick, discovers Dr. Pedanto to be Regnardine the Fox, who is suspected guilty of the Death of Old Sir Firrapel: the Fox Flies, but the Aprils Hanged.

Ani the Ape, babing thus left Reynardine (other: wife called Dr. Pedanto) refolbed bimfelf to turn Doctoz alfo , and accozbingly took a Ledging in a Paggo walane, abutting upon the Digh-fireet of the forzet, pretenbirte (as bis quondam Dafter bib) to cure all Mifeales whatfoeber . internal og erternal , curable og incurable. For though be bad far lefs skill and judgment than Reynardine, pet be bad a greater Stock of Impudence, by which be presumed not only to perform as much as bis Mafter conto. but alfa much mote : withal affirming that Dr. Pedanto bad neber been fo famous bad it not been for bin. A (quot be) was the only indrument of his raifing . I taught bim to let Blood, and breath a Mein ; I taught bim Scarification , and the ufe of Cipfiers and Bliffers, it was 3oninthat put bin into the way of the Warctice of 1869fich per, had it not been for me, be bed been discovered and banged lang and : for I made a Diffquile for bint; dyed his Cont black, and haved off all the Pair of his Mail; and besides all this) I bambled my felf to become bis Serbant : and am toz all my hindnels bately required ... Thus the dape remained painately with himfelf for apeniphe barfenorian to murh. In the mean time Regimendine (alias Dru Pedanto) feeting the Ape had left him ! called Gelebrel the Cat. to whom he white hate a Gibbret, you fee botto une oathily Zani the Ape bath left un's indicatore it pour mill mois with migence Supply TIE C. G. 1. F. P.

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fupply his place, I will instruct you as well as I can teaching you all Requisits to the purpose. I well know, that Zani (endying our Melsare) but taken all his Lancers away with him; supposing (because Blood-letting is one of the main props of our faculty) that without them we can do nothing. But I know otherwise, so his Lancers are made by Art, the works of men, and being Artificial, cannot be so truly Serviceable, as what are Patural. Pour your self have natural Lancers (your Clawes I mean) by which, with my Instructions, you may laudably open the Meins of the Pobles Beass in the Forzesi, and to their Content too: and then to be sure all other inferior Animals will gladly follow their Example: for its a received Maxim of the Ancients,

Regis ad Exemplum totus componitur Orbis.

Such as the great ones are, fuch will the inferios fort be : Aberefoze Gibbrel, be diligently careful to keep your Clawes always keenly harp, and febuloufly endeabour to follow mp Directions, and in recompence of pour Care and Wains 3 will bomble pour Mages; and ober and abobe (if you be bery biligent) will not fail to freak to all my Batients, as often as they can to supply pour with Mice, which I know you Love above all the Dain ties in this Mozio. Abe Cat bearing this (ertreamly oberjoyeb) faib . Bonoured Baffer , pou fhall find me bery induffrious and careful to learn, and as ready to put in Practice what I babe learned, as ever Zani was, or could be. The wait foon bave occasion to prote that, (faid Reynardine) boas you fap, and 3 will not fail to give you what I promifed. The Cat faid be would, and accordingly performed his part, as well as was poll ble, tho nothing near fo derterouffy (because not so band fome banded) as Zani the Ape : pet be fo far pleafed the ge nerality.

merality of the for's Batients, that he loft few of them by Zani's Practice. For the Ape bab not the Art at speedling as the for, nor could be speak so well, nor was be able to answer those Crabbed Questions, that were often put to bim, by fuch as Reynardine purpofes ly fent : Craftily thereby intending to nip bis Same in the bery Bud, as accordingly be did: in fo much, that (by this means) there was a general Report fpred a. bout the fozest, that the Ape was but an Ignozant Beetender, knowing nothing of Phylick. Zani well knew that fuch an Odium was cast upon bim; but from whence ; or from whom , it thould firft take beginning. be could not imagine : only because be was conscious to himfelf , that be hated Reynardine , be concluded (as Truth was) that the Fox's Malice had procured to bim that great Defamation. Aberefoze be refelbed to pap bim in bis own Coin, and in ozder thereunto , berg impaudentin (the wifely enough, as be thought) fpeaks first to one, then to another, afterward to many others: faping . I have great Meafon to beliebe that Dr. Pedanto is no other then Reynardine the Fox (the Son of Reynard that Arch Traites) and if occasion were . 3 queffien not but that I could probe the fame. Thefe or the like Mozds be often fpake , boping this Rumoz bould foreab (as indeed it did) to the ruin of Reynardines prefent Washerity, and bis own Life. For this report was quickly brought to the Court, and fo to the Bings Car; who was not a little Aartled thereat : pet, because be favoured the access of Strangers into bis Kingdom . be would not fend any one to apprebend Dr. Pedanto, before be bad throughly eramined Zani the Ape, who was therefoze (by a Burfibant) immediate: ty brought befoge the Bing. Df bim the Ring asked why be had raifed fuch arepezt of the Dutlandith Doctoz. Tatterio per el riface de applicados lices esco

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and what ground be bad fo to de; withat abbing, that it be could not probe what be bab afferted? be would be feel bereip punnified. The Spe ertreamle farorised, lines. not what to Antwer, only fait be fpake we be thought and meaning burt by fr. Dote, fato the Bing, mean no burt! I habe reafon to inoge that this Action of points proceeded from a propented Walier: for I am mib poul were bis Serbant, and beaufe be turned pou away foi pour Wisbebabiour (as I fuppefe) pou require bim with this Enbious Apersion. Pour fan pou oan probe this Dottoz, pour Quondam Waffer, to beRevnardine the Son of the Traitoz Reynard : prove that, and you will latisfie me otherwife by eremplary Bunifbment on vou I will teach all my Subjects, for the future, to abffaim from abufing any Stranger, bow mean foeber . The Ape being greatly terrified, flood mute for a time; but at length faib. Great bir, 3 know bim to be Reynardine the Son of the Eraitos Reynard : foz 3 met bim. when be came firft (after bis Ercile) into this Bing dom , and at bes request thated off the Bair of bis Taile died bis Coat black, and made bim the Berruhe be now wears. By renfon of this Difquife be tannat be known to any but my felt; who, thoughin fem bis berimet was bis Bartner in the Bactice of Bhofick, which br rather learned of me , than I of bim: This is the Arnth Sir. Whe Wing bearing this, committed bim to Baifon, and fending for the Lord Firrapel, told bim what the Ape faid. Aben Firrapol the Libbard Clupected Reynardine to be (as indeed be was) the Author of bis fathers Death. Bereuponthe Ape was Gramines thereabout; but be knowing nothing, could and wer no thing to the purpofe : Therefore be was remanded to Waifon, and the Lord Firrapel bad Debera prefentle to apprehend Reynardine. This be would have bonne but was prevented by some secret Intelligence that ReyReynardine had: to; before the Bollenger he fent could comb come near his Lodging. he was fecretly fled having left his Berruhe behmo, which the whetenger took and brought to his Lord, who pretented it the king, as a Lessimony of the Lruth of Lini's Agertion. Open this, the Ring commanded that Zami the Ape hould be hanged for disquining and concealing a Lruitor; and all the For's Boods fered on: Ahis was specially Crecuted, and Gibbret the Cat had also been like danger, had not the Ape (at his Brath) wholly cleared him. Ahus ended the For's Doctorhip.

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The Fox returning to the Dutchy of Manton, agrees with a Mountebank to cut off his Tail and Ears. Atterwards renews his Acquaintance with Grimlook the Mastiff, who brings him to his Colin Brindle &c.

Pa Be Fox was now in great diffrets, fearing every moment to be taken; because he supposed there were there in wait for him. But no fuch thing was commanded by the Ring, be being fatisfied with bis flight; concluding that thenceforth be would neber any moze prefume to enter into the foreff , or any other part of his Kingdom : Det the King bimfelf was greatly deceived berein; as the following Biffazy plainip webs: for after Reynardine had ablconbeb and fecretly bid bimfelf for a time in Feraria, be (by Digbt journeps, because in the day time be durft not Eravel . for fear of being supprised by Vorax the Wolf, whom be had to greatly injured) treading unknown Baths, and ferching a Compal's a great way about, at length unt into the Dutchy of Manton; where being arribed a little after Roon, it was bishap to efpy a Mountebank

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bank upon a Stage, wbo poetenbed be could eut affbis eafed Arms, Legs, og particular Jounts affected, without Bain, and berterouffp perfoam many other rare, firange, and unparallel'd Cures. Abbing, that fuch as were will ling to babe any Wember cut off, upon the Stage, be would be it for them, without expectation of Meward, probided they would publickly afterward (upon the fame Stage) own fo much to the Erpectatozs. The For bearing this, thought it now time for bim to confi ber what be had belt to bo, to Difquile himfelf, without the beip of any, that thould be capable afterward to Difcober bim. But to lofe a Leg. oz Arm, be was not willing : Aberefoze be determined to babe bis Mail and Cars cut off, which could do him little burt, and would to remarkably distigure him. as he could not pofable be known bp any, as be then thought. Abis betermi nation be purfued, and accordingly requefted the Wountebank to cur off bis Tail, within one Inch of bis Rump. and both bis Cars as close to bis Bead, as could be Done with lafety; promifing publickly to affirm, that be felt no Pain in the cutting, and afterward (as many baps as be pleafed) to thew himfelf upon the Stage to all the Spectators, to procure Credit and Repute to his Morthip. The Mountebank well pleafed to bear this Woopofal, fers about his work, and berp fpee-Dilp cut off his Mail and Gars, according to his requell When this was done, and the Blood flanched, the for publickly declared (though therein be lped egregiously) that be felt no pain at all. And after that, ebery ban, till the remains of his Tail and Cars were perfectly mell be thewed bimfelf upon the Stage . baily pasifing and bigbly applauding the Operators skill and berterity But to foon as be perceibed his Mounds were throughly bealed, be gabe the Mountebank the flip, and batted as taff as be could toward the Monafterp; whereinte be boped

baped now (affuming to bimtelf a new Dame) be would again be admirted , and afecond time beceibe that fraternity. But his hopes tailed him, for when The most be was come within two furlongs of the Monastery fibrile do be was come within two furlongs of the Monastery fometimes he met Grimlook the Maftiff, who knew him not ; to excreamly owhom be thus fpake : Sir Grimlook 3 am glad to fee ver-fhoot poil, bowis it that you are to far from the monaftery, themselves it being now about Dinner time? Grimlook anfwer: in discovereb: Sir Stranger , 3 am not concerned foz oz withing their Sethe Monaftery, nos regard I their Meal-times, it is crets; as here well if I can provide for my felf. But bir , faib the the Fox did. for, 3 am bery much miftaken, if pout were not Boater: to the Monafterp, about two years fince. 'Ais true, quoth Grimlook, I was to, but now a Cofin of mine named Brindle, enjops that Dffice. I pap friend, bow came you to know me? I cannot remember that Jeber befoge fato pour; tobo are pou, and tohat is your Rame? De Rame, quoth the for, is Reynardine, and I was a Dember of that fiarefnity. when you was Dester there: I well remember, faid Grimlook, there was at that fime one of that Dame (who run away from the Monaftery) but furely you cannot be the Berfon, being not at all like bim, if I forget not. 3 am that very Werfan, faid the for, but being in great danger of Death; through the Palice of my Enemies, I was confirmined thus to Difquife my felf, that I might not be known. If you can be a means to belo me again into the Monaflery (by another Rame, and as another Perfon) I will not fail to repay your kindnets to the full. Le this Grimlook answered, All Jean bo in this Cafe will be to bying you acquainted with my Cofin Brindle the Maftiff, now Bogter of the boule; be may do much for you; meet at the Monastery Gate too Moz .. row Moaning by Day break, and you fhall fpeak with him. But I pagy bir, faid the for, Diftober not

and true Dame to any one. Il Do pragmouth Crimlooks Jum not fuch ablab of my Longue; but if my Coin thould ask your Dame . what antwer thail I make? Tell bim . quotb Reynardine . my name is Shiften That 3 will faid the Baftiff. and fo they parted for that time. On the mozzow mozning early the for faile ed not to meet Grimlook at the Monafterp Gate. To bim Grimlook the Walliff (after mutnal Solutations) faid , now Dir Shifter . I will go in and fpeak with my Cofin firf . and afterward bring bim aut to vou then pon map fpeak pour mind. So Grimlook ment in (not through the Bate, but be a priby Baffage, known only by his Cofin and bimfelf. and acquainted bis Cofie who was without telling all be had beard, and naming his arthand alfo bis fecond Dame, but with this charge, Be fure you mention not bis Dame Reynardine, but Shifter only . Brindle promifed this . but intendet nothing lefs a fee be took this to be a befien of Gring look's, to mean him out of his Dise wet brown hato Reynardine was bated in the Wonafterparan would be be a means to introduce bim by a faignet Pame; it would certainly occasion bis diun Exclusion; But be babing never feen Reynardine mas her who illin tage out to fee bim, that he might know him another time. Accaedingly ber did foi not forgettine to falute him bythe name pfichie Shifeer , tout habtellingthe for be was throughly informed (by bis Cofin Grimbook) of his parts and weeth, and would therefore in his behalf intereste for him as with severals of the Memor Manks of his Anguaintance what he might die admit ted into ibed boule on bendefired , urfazi bim diciburing according to sulton rache Hop bumilion mended bim ashing himshopen die boorde trait upon bim againm brin die Answeren a lierte before Supperin the Conin then will be a very fit time of The damps of the Cto com

at the time appointed, and Brindle took bis leave of them both, and remaining fare the Conditery. ing and contribing boto be might beft enervate this tup: poled Treachery of his Colin Grimlook. Abe Fox in the mean white, boping bimfelt now fure of Admittance by Brindles means, beartily thanks Grimlook, promiting to Retvard bim bigbly, to foon as he thould be in a Capacity to perform the fame : Grimlook fuppe. fing be bad done the Bufinels to Reynardines content, took bis leave and beparted. Reynardine also boping to Sup in the Monafterp, took no further care, than tor a good Breakfaft, which baving obtained, be gabe himfelf to reft , till the Chening was come. But Brindle in the meam time was very viligent to acquaint first one, and then another, of his Conn Grimlook's bale intent (as be called it) to introduce Reynardine the for, by the name of Shifter; withal adding, that be believed it to be no other then a befign of bis Cofin's . purpolety to make bim objous in the Bonaftery, that he bimtelf thight be admitted again into bis Dince. pearing this, told the Bridg of it, who commanded that fury as formerty knew Reynardine, would attend in the Eventhy, when be came, and give bim Potice. Thep bib to, and when Reynardine came in the Chening, they knew bim not; but after they underflood, by Brindle's Information, bow (by his own Confession to Grimlook) be bat matined himfelf, and belired to be abmiffed as another Berfon, by a feigued Maine, they ralled him millain, and baoue bim away from the Gate, in prefence of the wafar himfelt, who commanded the fame. Then bid Brindle, who loved not his Colin Grimlook, thew the Prior that privy Ballage (made by his Colin and himfelf I through which Grindook was wont Bight and Bogning to enter fie Bonakerp; athrming (the taffely) that Grimlook made it by force, which he might

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might well do, being much Stronger than himself, as be said. The Prior bearing this (after he had several checked Brindle for concealing this Pischief so. long) ordered that privy Passage to be presently stopped, and Grimlook the Passist to be never more admitted within the Ponastery, under any presence whatsever. This Recompence he had sor endeabouring to assist the Fox.

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The Fox returns again to the Forrest in Feraria, where he (as a Stranger) is entertained in the Lord Shlook's Service, by the name of Crabrun; he gains the Love of his Lord, &c.

Be for extreamly diffurbed at his to hameful repulfe, knew not what to bo ; but inftead of suspecting Grimlook, be extreamly doubted bu paelent Difquife was not luthicient. fog be well knew Grimlook to be a greedy, coverous and gluttenous Beaff; therefoze could not think be would aver diffe ber bim, but rather Act clean couffare. Potwith fanding all this. be travelled that Dight as far from the Monafterpas be could, to aboid further danger, which be threwdly suspected. On the Morrow, the Sun hining clear, at ebery Bond og clear flanding die ter be came to, be biewed bimfelf by the Suns Refen on , and finding bis Difquile berp futficient as be thought, be blamed the Malice of fortune only; impu ting bis late disappointment folely to ber Enby to no ather Caule. Therefoge be relolbed to leate that Countrey, poping the would probe more propitioutly tabourable to him ellewbere. In purfuance of this mesolution, be Arabelled bard that day, till be was got a paerty B

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a pretty way into the Bingbom of Zalap, But being there, be found lefs latery than befoge, fog all the Bunting. Dogs that law him, wondzing at the Arangenels of bis formi, were the more eager to purfue bim; and bab undoubtedly feiged bim, bad be not ufed the Wolice of speedy retiring into some of those fecret recesses Brocker the Badger weweb bim. Maberefoze perceibing the great danger be libed in, be refolbed whatfoever the Success should be, once again to abbenture into bis own Countres. Decordingly be bid fo , and when be firk entered there, it was bis good foztune to meet with Brocker the Badger, who (not knowing bim) enquired bis Countrey and Barentage: but after be under: food who be was, be was more than ordinarily careful to preferbe bis friend Reynardine from all bangers whatfoeber; and accordingly told bim, be muft not too rably adventure to Difcober bimfelt; telling bim if be intended to keep out of Barms way, be muft only fap be was a Stranger, and no moze. Reynardine bearing this, took bis Countel, and (whentoeber asked) faid be was a Stranger, but of what Countrep none could tearn, for be would not tell them? refolbing neber to discover himself to anp. For be now found by Grpe .. rience , that bis Difquife was lufficient , and babing told bis Dame and Warentage to none, ercept bis friend Brocker, be thought all was well :- but be was great : ly miftaken ; foz Gibbrel the Gat lying bebind an Bedge, over-beard all the Difcourfe between Brocker and Reynardine , of whom be also bad a full biete. Beweber Gibbrel at that time took little Porice of it f because be could not weliebe bis own Gres) until afterward ; as in the following Chapters we intend to thew Brocker the Babger walking wirb Reynardine on ward of his bay toward the foirest asked bim what Course of Life be intended to lead for the future? To this the for An-独 2 Imered,

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Anfinered Eruiv Coffin Jam nat pet fully refolued what to Do. 38 3 Gould again prefume to Weactice Wholich. I fear that will now be fate. You well by no means (Cofin) entertain any thoughts of re-alluming that Ibanfelfion, faid the Babger; but rather pretendra be mbalto Janozant of therp Science, and prefent your felfon. ip as a Serbant, notothermile. Sodging pou will un-Doubtebly be fafe , and may afterward rifete good fortune, as many others have done . especially if you can get into the Serbice of tome Eminenal ord. hearing this, refelbed to follow that Course of Life. and therefore gave Brocker thanks for his good addice By this time they were got within Sight of the forreffe then the Badger admonified the for further thus: Co. fin Reynardine, 3 babe but two things moze to Adbife pou of . and then I hall leave you; for 'tis bigh time The firft is, that if ever you meet me in any part of the forreff. von take no more notice of me. than of a Stranger pou neber fam befoze: I will bo the like bo von If this Rule be eracily obferbed by us, I fail almays be in ad apacity to ferbe pour in a time of need other wife can not. The fecond thing is, that pou inbent and affine to pour felf a new Dame (as feamerly pou bib)not before beard of az known in the forceff; and above all be furene ber to mention pour fathers Dame pour Baothers Dame. or pour own, whatforber pou thall bear related of them. ez of pour felf by any one, that either knew, or buth beard of your Sather, og any of your Samily. Thus de ing. Colin. I doubt not but pou map libe late and free from Danger, and in time mend pour Condition bery much: for I know you are both witty and ingenious. Babine faid this, the Badger took his leave, mack banks with the for, and fo left bim. The for (returning like balufations, with thanks) went on his way roward the fore reff, refolding to affirme the Dame Crabron : there. fore

the henceforth we thall call him Crabron the Fox. Afred fame feinbours Cravel, be enterebebe Boaref w lierte before Sun-let. Bere Crabron the for tone unth monbred at. by renfon of the firangeness of his form: Doine of the Beafts of the forech, whom the Jop well inets to babe been bis quon lam Batients demanded bis Bame and Countrey. Dis Dame (be told them) bas Crabron, but bis Countrep was to for off, that hould be tell it them , they would be never the better, norrould they come to that Countrey in lefe than a year and abalfs Trabel. After this manner be Anfwered all . not only that Dight, buteber afterward. Abe nert Boaning. purposing in his beart the beart of the Lazd Sir look the Bantber, be went directly to bis Balace, as if be had come thither by chance, and not purpofely. . Then there, be knocked, and asked to fpeak with bis Bonour the Lord Sly-look. The Borter anfwered be was not pet Kirring , but (being bimfels taken with the ftrangenels of his Shape and Form) he mould acquaint his Simple Per-Logo , that an Butlandiff Beat was there to freak with fons give Gmbim. Areazbingly the Woster went to bis Lozb, and ple Judgment tell bim, that at the Gare was a berp firange Butlan: what they dif Beatt (be fuppeled fome grain Ambaliadoz) that fee, or hear. Defired to fpeak wirb bima The Did Load (tobo bimfelf alfo loved Pobelties) bearing this, commanded be hould be brought in Them Crabron the for came into the Load Siv-look's Chamber, be bewed to bim with great Reverence, and fpake as follows :

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My Lord

After my Erabet, long and tedious (for I was above a pear and a balf in my Journey, from my Matibe Count trep to this plate) Fram now come into this bappy Bingbom , the fame of which was often, by mp quondam Autor related to mein my Anfancy: This my Autor. was Batibe of this Land, as mp Barenes frequently told.

told me, tobo could never bliebe it was to baffly biffant from ours as Inoto by proper Experience find it is. Df bim I learnet pour Language, whilft bery Doung. "Abis is thetree menton I pronounce it to diffinalp, without befitation of other beliciency, incident to forrainers learn. ing any firange Speech. The Eutoz and Barents bring. 3 was lefr fole Borrello; of much Mealth, which I conbertebinto Jewels of great Maice, eafily poztable; and then with a berhant attending me, refolued to biff this famous Bingdom : with the fight of which my Cres are now fufficiently bleffed. But, that which thould bere babe made me an bappp a molt welcome Bueft (mp great Areafure 3 mean) was barbarouff taken from me be Abiebes, and my Berbant (because be foutly fought to defend both me a mine) cruelly murt bered. Thus was I, mof Poble Load, through ober much Curiofity. reduced to ertream Decelfity : Therefore am now bis ther come bumbly to page the protection of fo ercellent a Batron , as pour Lozothip; bhole Serbitoz 3 would gladipbe, in any Derbile Diffice bow mean foeber ; and in ogber bereunto, bo bumbly proffrace me felf at pour Bonour's feet, withing continual Beofperity and a Long-life to pour Lozdop.

Ehe Panther (otherwise called Lozd Sly-look) bearing this supposed Stranger speak so well, and wonding at his uncouth and firange Shape, answered him thus: Our most Persick King, and we his Servants (taught by his Crample) habe always shewed our selves Courteous to Strangers; therefoze I will in no wife beny your Request; but am very sozry that at this time I cannot prefer you accarding to your Chucarion and Morth, hereafter I may. In the mean while I do somit you to serve at large in my Youse, sill some further occasion of Advanceing you, shall present it self; which I will not fail to take, if I see you worthy and deserbing.

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as if you answer your own Coucation, and my prefent Thoughts) Toubt not but I thatl. The for bery fub.niffibely bowing bimfett to the Wantber , faib, Bonourable Load , Jam not ambitious of Bzeatnels , Jonly Defire a mean Living under to wearby a Batriot as your Lozofbip . of whole good Parure and Mertue I babe beard to much (in this little time I babe been in thefe Barts) that to be but a Shufffen in pour Biechin, 3 mail account a mighty fabour. The Banther bearing this, faid, Cabar is the Jame? The Bante grote the for, is Crabron , which is the Ancient Panie of our Family. All our Ancelogs were lo called, with little og no alte. ration, for fibe bundzeb pears pall, as mas apparent by hery Ancient Deeds mp Sather bid in bis Cultoby at the bour of bis Dearb; which Deebs I fold fo burchale those Tewels befoze mentioned. Dou babe laid enough faid the Lozd Sly-look, abide bere, and be ready always to perform what I wall command and it will futfice. The Kitchin is too mean a place to bout! Voll thall have an Office fit toz you, fo Toon amit talfe?" So the for accordingly above in the Boat Sly-looks Bante. wherein he werd himlest to oblequidus to his Lozd. and to respectful to all bis fellow berbants . that be not only obtained the Love of his Load, but of his.

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CHAP. XVII.

Crahren the Fox, being preferred to wait on his Lord in his Chamber, most Traitorously Poysons him:

ascerward so hippoeritically laments his Death, that the King makes him one of his Purveyors.

Athis good fabour and liking of the Manther the for libeb for three or four Wonths : then it happened that bis Lozds Chief Serbitoz, tobo waited on bim in his Chamben, and went always abroad with bim, was preferred to ferbe the King himfelf. Abis apportuni tpebe Lazb Sly-look the Panther , according to bis premile before made to Grabron the for , failed not to take for the promotion of his supposed Butlandily Servitor. Therefore calling the for to him, he thus forke, Crabron, I now purpole, us I before promifed, to abbanes pouls the Office of my Chief herbant, who this bap frabe bis Place top a more honourable Office at Court, & expen pou will probe as faithful a biligent as be was prific pou will und me bereafter rendy to paefer you, as 3 babe bone bim. The for bearing this, faib, Bonout. able 1020, you hall never, I bope, babe accation to think your immente favours conferred on me ill befion eb. I babe the fame bope , faib the Wanther , therefore follow me. Accordingly the for followed bis Lord to Court that bery day; where be was gaged on by ali, but known by none. Then in the Ebening be waited on bim inbis Chamber, lping there all Dight, on a Bed of Strato purpofely made foz that purpofe. In this Difice be pleafed bis Lozd extreamly, fo that be had thoughts of preferring bim (by the Bings fabour) to fome pub lick prestable Imployment: and this be had done, had the not been paebented by Sickness. Jos not long after

be thought of the for's Abbancement , be contracted to himfelf a biolent Surfeit by ober much eating at a feat. Apon which Dr. Afino the Als was fent for; who first of all preferibed a Momitory Botion, then a Burge, and lafily ordered a Mein to be opened, and a large quantity of Blood drawn out : All which was done, but to no purpole. Fez, the his Body was bery much weakened by those Chacuations, get the load and burthen at his Stomach lay fill unremobed. Berenpon this Al's Doctoz, being at a Mon-plus, fancied a Diet-dzink, compounded of many and barious Derbs might bo the work : for be thus thought with bimfelf, perhaps fome one og mage of the Ingredients will do the feat. There- Perions are foze be upon this conceit , prefently told the Loza Slylook , that he had now thought of a Medicine that would Confident. certainly cure bim. This founded well in the fick Wanthers ear ; but fearing to take an p moze Burgers of Momits, be fpake to the Als thus: Dr. Afino, in what form will pou gibe me this Wedicine? If it Burges, 02 Momits, 'twill certainly Bill me. Dno, my Lozd, queth the Als, I will norgibe peu any thing to Burge of Momit , but a pleafing Diet-Daink , which fhall remobe the Load at your Stomach, and cure pour Loadhip with eale, fpeed and fafety. 3 pag thee (faid the Banther) make hafte and get it ready , for Jam Beart fick ; boto is it you thought not of this Debicine no Cooner ? D my Lozd, faid the Als, bad I giben this Medicine befoze thole necessary Coacuations pour babe undergone, I thould habe Aced like an Ale indeed, and done pour Lozdipip moze burt than good, Sayno moze , quoththe Banther, but get it me with fpeed. So away wenr the Als into the Sick Logde Barten , and there gethered (og rather caused rabron the for to gather) of almost every Berb, there growing one handful; all which be commander the for to infufe in the Gailons of Spring Bater, and fet

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for and in the mean while the Al's went bis wap ; pro-

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miling to ceturn early the next Moaning, to phefer ibe the Dole, that thould be given to bis Lozd. When the Als was gone, the for craves leave of his Lozd, to babe the Charge of that Diet beink, and that none o ther of his Lozds Serbings, of any other Berlon, might touchit, or come near the place where it was: for faib Its dange- be , pour Lozothips Life is Dearer to me than nip own. rous trufting and 3 am thee wolp fuspicious leaft one oz other , either to the over through Ignozance or Malice, Mould add to, or biminich onght ofthe Ingredients, fo well ogbered by the To. doz and by that means fome irreparable Damage to pour Lozdhip follow. Befides mp Lozd, faid be, in the beat of the dap , Spiders, og other benomous Incens, map creepinto the Diet-Daink, and being there daowned; infect the fame with their Menome; and fo pour Lozd thin thall most unbappily take Woplon instead of a Kemedy. Don fpeak well, faid the Bantber, it thall beas pou befire. Fleabe the ordering of this Diet drink wholly to your Care; which, fo foon as I can recover Bealth, I will largely Recompence. Babing faid this, be pre-Cently commanded that none of bis Serbants thould meb Die wirb, og come near that Infufion, ercept Crabron only. The for babing gained this point, refolbes now (fee na fo fair an Decation offer ir felf) no longer to be fer the Crecution of bis malicious intent. Therefore, because be well observed the Als purposely to omit ga: thering of Benbane, Molfabane, ard other Bogfonous Berbs, gowing in feberal parts of the fame Warben, knowing that Diet brink would do bis Lozd little burt, if it did bim no good; be refolbed to make an Abbition . as would render the Infusion Poplonous enough to dispateh bim out of the way quickly. Accordingly, when Dight came (foz his pretended Care was fueb. that be watched.

matched all Bight) be took fir great Toads, and crufting out all their Poissure sputithat into the Infusion. and (to parbent-the Difcohery) buried their ampto Can. eales in the Carth that Dight. Then Dogning come the Afa Dodog failed not to come acceading te promite, the great Imto preferibe the Dole, which after fo much of the Clear prudence of Riquos was poured from the Berbs) be asbered spould ans who prebe-thizty Dunces , og thereabout . . This beably Dafe pare nor their the Afr Supposing no fraud in Crabron the for admit own Medimifred to bis Lozd, who greedily [mallowed all to the cines, or trust great content of Dr. Alino, who promiled perfect Reco to the Prepabery after the taking it three or four times at fartheff. rations of o-The Als was not gone far from the Bate, befage the thers, of Bantber's Stomach was extreamly Pained and be began lity they neto (well all over, but at length Comiting extreamly his ver had Ex-Smelling abated fomewhat. Reverthelefe by reafen of perience. bis Age, and the great weakness of bis Bodp, bis strength being befoze too much erhaufted by the former Chacuations; the quick foreading Menome (maugre all the Mis could be) fo impaired his Mitals . that in a few hours after , be miferably died. Then dead, the for in the prefence of many, ferched a deep, but feigned bigb. and faid, Dmp Dear Lozd , I wift to our great Badbels Fortune I had died for you. But who do I fpeak to the common pra-Dead, who cannot now reap asp benefit by mp feutlele dice of Murwithes! To you, that are bere alibe and paetent derers. with my Dead Lood: I thus fan . Dad uat I my felf. by this Reverend Dogozs order, made this his last Dole, which I believe was as well compounded, as Galen and Hipocrares than they both been alibe at this time. and here prefent ; could have composed the fame, and bad I not also, all pefferdap and all the last night, with out Sleeping one wink, carefully ware bed that compofition I thould have (fo unfeignedly did I love mp Lord) been too apt to entertain a Jealoufie, that fome

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wicked Enemp of bis : but 3 am new throughly laffsf. eb, rhat no fuch thing was. All that can be faib is this 100 Lords Boby was too weak to fullain the Docration of to powerful a Bemedy; otherwife be bad unboubteb. ly been in a way of Recobery by this time. Whe are bearing the for thus freak, was glad at his beart; and then taking Courage : faid. Sirs 3 am theoughly perfwabeb in mp mind, that mp Lozd's time was fully come. Againft beath there is no Antibote. Sir Crabron bath Excuse of Ig. Atteb the part of a true and fazibful Serbant, and I babe Done as becomes a juff and boneft Whofician. App Lord is indeed bead, pet I am fure be died according to Art. The Bpiftanders, being the Decealed Load's Rindget and Serbants, who all hoped to be Brofited by bis Dearb (more or lel's) faid, they believed no lefs, and it would be great wickebnels in any to afperte either of them upon that Account. The Als well fatis fieb in what be beard, rook bis leabe of them, and went bome. Abe for would not fiir from the Dead Bodo. but lay in a Delancholy poffure by it , as if be bad been a true Mourner indeed, tho all was but Popocricy. Det becaufe be bab been bis Lozd's Chief Servitoz, bis ab bice was taken about the funeral, which was folemnige ed two dans after, with fuitable Bomp. When the Coaps was buried, Crabron the for (who was wont every Posning after bis Logo's death , to rub bis Gres with an Dnion) would lie upon the Brabe . refufing to eat og brink all the bap; and if he had occasion to Bif og eafe bis Belip, be would be fure to go a good biffance from the Game to bo it. This Courfe be belt bap by day, for moze than twenty days after bis Lords Interi ment. During which time, molt of the Beafts of the forreft came to fee bim ; all admiring bis great Lobe and Af. foer the beft, fection to bis Deceafed Load. Abe Ring bimfelf bear-

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ing of this, was wondrous befrous to have such a Seriant, therefore the two and twentieth day after the panther's Burtal, he sent for him; and then greatly commending his (supposed true) Fidelity to his Lord made him one of his Burbeyors. In which Whice he behaved himself very well, to the great content of the King.

CHAP. XVIII.

is first visited by Gibbrel the Cat, whom he draws into a Snare and kills, least he should Discover him.

Afterward Grimlock the Mastisfis, for the same Cause, by him betrayed to Death.

Mr befoze be bad been full two Wonths in this Df. fice Gibbrel the Cat, bearing bis Dame, remembred the Discourse be beard between him and Brocker the Badger; and because be then saw bim. be boubred not, but (feeing bim once again) be bould knowbim ; and then , his being acquainted with the for , be indged would not a little conduce to bis own benefit. Therefore he refolbed to go to bim, and accordingly did, bery early one Morning, and elpping the for at his Lobging booz, be knew him to be the fame Berfon be fam discoursing with Brocker the Badger; and for that Caufe bery confidenely faluted bim thus: Sir Crabron, pour Quondam Serbitoz Gibbrel wifbeth von long to bold and pollels the Mealth and Profperity you now enjoy. To which the for replied, friend I am a Stranger in this Ringdom , wherein 3 habe Serbed , but neber kept berbant. Sir faid the Cat, I well remember wben pou and Sir Brocket were talking together , 3 (lying behind an bedge) beard you discover your felf to bim, and be aifo.

al o advising you not to tell pour Dame to any one, but fap pour were a Stranger, and no moze. This pour know. to be true Sir and I am berp fure you are the Load Revnards Son, and mp Did Maffer Dr. Pedanto. The For bearing this, and well knowing that what the Cat faid was true, fuddenly gabe bim bis band, fapinge Conn Gibbrel , I perceibe you know me. If you can but keep pour Tongue between pour Teeth, and will nof discover me to any one, you thall find me a true and confant friend; but hould pou at any time difetole who 1 am, you will utterly ruin both me and your felf. 3'll warrant pou Sir Crabron, faid the Cat, no one in the whole Kingdom chall eber know who you are for me. Mell then, quoth the For, come to me too Mozrow about Poon , and I will provide pou a good Dinner ; this day A cannot , becaufe it is my day to look after the Kings Baobifion. The Car bearing this, very joyfully took bis leabe, and went his way. The next day about Poon, be failed not to bifit the Fox again, who entertained him bery lobingly : faid, Cofin Gibbrel, I fpake to you pe flerday about keeping Silence; remember what befel to Zani the Ape foz being too Labith of bis Tongue. 3 hope you will be wifer than be probed : pet there is be ry great difference between bim and pou. What be bid was in fpight to me, if pou betrap me, pour own folly (not fpight) will ruin pou. Babing faid this, be feath ed him plentifully, and then appointed him to come two days after. This Course of Feating the Cat once in two or three daps , the for continued to long , till be grew beary of his Quell , whom be always feared mould Difcober b.m ; therefoze to put an end to this feat be contribed bis Ruin in the following man er. The For well knowing the Car seifream fancy foz Mice, & bobe all other Wear in the Mozlo, told him that hither to be had not entertained him to well, as he would have Done :

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home because be wanted oppostunity:but now be was in a capacity to make bim a feaft indeed. Abe Cat hearing this, faid to the for, Sir Crabron, what fort of Beat bo pou intend to have? Thy Cofin, quoty the for, I remember when you Served me, I heard you fay you loked wice better than all other Dainties whatfoeber : there foze Fresolbe to make pou a feaft of that foar of weat only. But I cannot do this at my own youle, becaufe (being a Bublick Difficer) I want that paibacy , which will be necessary for us both : for Frefolde to be merry with you Cofin. With all my heart Sir, faid the Cat. But when thall this Werrp meeting be? To this the for replied. The next day after too Bo2200, fooner I hall not have leifure. But Ifagget to ask pou one thing : Cofin had pou rather babe pour Dice libing and kill them your felf, or ready killed and fit to be eaten? If the place (faid the Cat) where they are, be fecured to as they cannot escape, I love to kill them my felt: fog I belight bery much in that spart; to me it is the most pleasant passime in the woold. Zallo, quoth the for , would gladly fee your nimblenefe and berteri: tp inthat Crercife; for Iremember well, while my father lived, be caused pour Ankle Tybers one day to thew him how be bunted and caught wice. Tybert did fo (mg Brother and I ffanding by) and in a bery thort space raught three or four. But the wilp craft . Tubtilty and diligence be used, the admirable nimbleness and agility be the wed, was wonderful to behold : fo pleating a light in all my life befoze oz fince, I neber faw. To this Gibbre! g Cat faid, I doubt not Sir Crabrop, but pou will find me: every way as well accomplished to perform that Grercife, as my Enkle Tybert was. I berily beliebe it, faid ags for, therefoze fail not tocome to me at the time a: pointed an bour befoze Poon ; becaufe we muft go out of the forreft , at leaft Ten Furlongs , to the place probided for pour Entertainment. Apon this, the Cat took

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his leave and beparted. But when the third day was come, at the bour appointed be failed not to wait upon the for . who (afrer a little flap) conducted bim to bis place of Catertainment, as be calledit. Imben they came near it, the Cat efpied three Wice lping dead on & ground. which the for feemed not to fee, tho be bad purpofele laid them there as a Bait that bery Wooning. Epon the fight of thefe, Gibbrel the Catfaid, Sir Crabron, I funpofe we are near the place, for bere are three Dice bead. True, faid the the for, Jam apt to think thefe were accidently killed by my Serbants, whom I ogbered to fock a clofe Cabe, we are almost come to) with a good Dumber of them. They tell me, they babe but up for fp libing Dice there; which I fuppole will be moze bo far , than you can eat at one time, and occasion foot It is a point enough. Des pes, Sir , faid Gibbrel, if balf of them ef cape there will be sport enough, and more than I can eat faib the Cat. By this time they were come to the leave a Cer- Cabe foz the Cat bespifed the foamer bead Dice, in bopes of others of his own killing) in the mouth of which the for bad craftily laid a Snare; into which the Cat over eagerly thauftirg bimfelf, was fo intangled thereby, that be could in no wife difintangle bimfelf. & ben croine to the for for belp, be met bis Dearb : for Crabron bab moff perfidiously provided for this before, babing at the Cabes mouth laid a great beap of fmall Stones a Duff. which with his feet be failed not to fourn down upon him. to long as until be Buried both bim and the Snare with which be was caught. Pabing done this, be fiepped m

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the Monastery. After be had flaged ten days in the for reft, be beard talk of an Durlandith weelt, wifbont Tail or Care (an they faib) that came to great Detterment under the Lozd Sly-look, and fince bis Weath was made one of the Mings Burbepois! Whe Spaffiff bearing this , concluded (as truth was) that this was Revnardine the for, whom be knew both befage and fince his Cars were cut; therefoze be enquired where he dwelt, and being directed to his boute, went to him early in the Pozning, as be was addited; and having learned his laft affumed Mame, faluted him by that, in thefe of the like Mozde. Sir Crabron, Jioy to fee peu in fe bappy a Condition, and my joy is the greater, when I call to mind our faamen friendhip! Beceffite bauucht ine into this famous Countrep, where I had hopes to live bere ter than befoge; but being a Stranger, 3 fee little like. ighood thereof, unless assited by your Morthips bonuty... The for at first fight of Grimlook was extreamly troubled, but knowing bis biolent and furious Durure be durff not thew bim unp Difcountenance, leaft it would turn to bis own Kuin. Aberefoze (the not without areat diffimulation) be berp conteoully embraced bim, diffimulare and-faid : bit Grimlook, pou are a berp welcome Gueft nefcie vivere, to me at this time, I being now in a Capacity to require an old and you for all your kindnels. A pray come in and partake true Maxim; offuch Browifions as 3 have. Aben the Daniff entres ofpecially the for's Lodging , tobere be had a very good Breakfall when it reafter they bad bane eating, the for told bim, that as ous Livers, foon as be could have an Spportunity, be would freak to who keep up the Ring , who was a great Lober of Strangers, to pae their Repute fer bim to tome profitable Imployment offic would be by Diffimulafure not to discover bim to any one in the mean while tion. for, faib be, there are none in this Bingbom! (tho it be my Parine Countrep) that know me. To this the Palliff Antwered, Dir Crabron, you half neber find

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pleasure in picking of Bones : therefore I caused my servants to lay no Bones there where you are to bine, but fuch as had good flose beneat on them. where this Banquer is flands not above one furlong dihant from the South-five of the Fourest 3 bope Sir, you will not think much to no fo far. So fer! quoth the world , I hope your Mosthip takes me not for a Laip Beaft. T'll affure pou Sir Crabron, whatever othere think of me. I never refuled be take pains for my Libing : and can you now think I will (through 30lenefs) refute fo fair au offer? Bup, Dir Grimlook, faid the fox, I bo not in the feul quellioniyour Diligence and Careto like; for I know that is beopment. I only looke fo. beconfe I could not thirly Competiency needere fehr Desaguer at bome. Bar, while may betain fonno ionger . A prop let mu po. Albe for habing lad this . went hut ubbooks, and the muille lollotoed hint. Alberi shep kame introde & alor, and were near near this Area: eperdus Delaques, the Fris faber bering beid bis hirthels to purpole pake so the puttit thus : Dir Grimlook, bert in the Banquer The druter pour f Obefore pour chabe Done exting, mo becaute will being Mine enough and 1900 we will be meery together. But tuppole bere were "Haren Chapary af your kindsed of orbers and a thehard hoald be o som fer follow that bon the middlemak Benefrom all the red . Both wento but go to book to there with? Shew are that She Charlook and pourbail bleafe me erreennip. What I will Sir protentip , faid the about a moderning fro this twined are pleases to eated at the in wolf in oil Bone I which he no former tourb. ev buf that and aft rise other, tode but with bimnett, fell bown to the dollars of the Belle to hohede because very Towned by William town the count of the Transfer of the Tre the great pleature on a content of the Po

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Brindle the Mastiff enters the Forrest, and seeing Conbron, knows him to be Reynardine, whom he at length accuseth before the King ; but through his own indifcretion is committed to Prison . and there Poyfoned by the Fox.

7 Do now thought all was well, and promifed to bimfelf Dalcion bays, and a continued fe. ries of Aranquility and Weace During Life. for now faib be to bimfelf)it is no longer in the power of fortune to expole me to Spifery , by the Malice of my Advertaries. This bath certainly bappened to me. through my great Millingnels to perform my fathers Evil men Mill and Command, Soz thole two perfidious Lozde, that put a ftop to the Waggrefe of his gaoming Baent nels , and were the fale and only occasion of bia Beath. and of mine and my Brothers Ruin . died be my band, not fo foon as they deferbed; but fo foon as twas poltible for me to effett the fame. As for thefe too incom-Self-prefer- Eberable Bluttonous Beafts, by my Contribance alle Done to Death, neither of them Died for any ill wills boze them, but for the preferbation of my own Life. which Dature teacheth all Creatures to enbeabour. Moze be would have faid , but was interrupted , bothe fight of Brindle the Baltiff, who being come into the for reft but the day befage) feeing bim, knew bim, and there foge faluted bim thus : Mogthy Sir Shifter I am glad 15th Chapter, to fee you in this place, where I know no body elle. Do noz me neither , faid the for , foz 3 am not the Ber fon you take me to be , aoz bo I know any of that Mame: 3 am fure bir quoth Brindle , if my Eges Deceibe me

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not, if pour Rame be not Shifter (as in truth 3 think it is not) pour Pame is Reynardine. Bo noz that net: ther, faid the for ; for my true Dame (if pou would needs know it) is Crabron. Berenpon Brindle the mafiff thinking be was miffaken , went bis way , and faid no moze. The for glad at bis beart be bad fo behibed bim , went home bery well pleafeb. Det after be had confidered the matter, he was jealous that Grimlook and be bab converfed together, fince Brindle came into the forreft : but this bis jealoufie foon enbed, after be understood that he had indeed enquired for Grimlook, but never faw bim. In the mean while Brindle the manifflibed poorly in the forrest, and for many days after , never fo much as thought of Crabron the for. But one day being in Company of others, whill be palted by, bethen asked them who be was, and they answereb,it was bir Crabron one of & Ring's Chief Burbeyeas. TothisBrindle (miling)fait, Sirs furelp this isReynardinerhe for of elfe 3 am much mittaken. Thep tell bim Reynardine was a Traitoz , Patibe of that Countrey; bat Crabron was a Stranger; boan in the furtheft part ofthe Mogib , and bigbly in the Rings fabour ; there: fore be muff babe a care what be faid. Ebis Company Brindle left, and a little after falls into the Company of Ferox the Apger, who was very Aged, but ertreamly ambitious ; to bim be tel's bis tale , what be rhought of Crabron the Burbeyoz, and gibes bis realon for it. This news plealed the Apger not a little, who at that time fancied to bimfelf no lefs than a Logo-fip , fog rebealing to the Ring fo important a Secret ; therefore be promifed to go with Brindle the Maffiff the nest dap to Court and belp bim to the Speech of the Bing. So thep parted for that time. But, after the Dld Tyger bab well confidered the danger of accuming one of the Mings berbitors, upon the bare Say So of a Stranger; be refolbed

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not to mebble any further in that matter. Deberthelete the next appraise Brindle came to bim, expecting he would go wirly him to Court, as he bad passified : but the luger put him off, laying, be was not then at leifues. but wonlo do mith bim after Boon. Mben Afterran come, be feigned bimtelt fomewhat indifpofed, telline the Matteff if be came about Sun fet be would (fich 42 mell) go with him. But coming then, the Tyger told him the matter was difficult, and be would not meddle with it Bereupon Brindle was in a great rage, andent ling the Tyger Coward, threto boton bis Globe and challenged bim. Ferox the Tyger, who (the Did tous the ry way as baughty as the Daniff was Cholerick, ac cepted the Challenge, and appointed a certain hour the nert Woaning . ina Beadowat the Caft-end of the im rell. But the nert day being an Digb feftibal, the Ring Chopo bad notice of this intended Duel) ently in the Moaning fent foathem both. Jog be fenred fore orm Appear mould bappen, on fuch a day, by reason of the Duel. daben they came before the Ring , be firt en red the Caule of their Difference; which, when be an underflood be fent a Wellenger foz Crabron big Burte oz: but afterward , be ertreamip blamed the Angers Raffnels to accept of a Chablenge from a brengen. Bur when the Apr was come .. he asked Bringle want grout bie babrotbink, or imagine, bis Burberor Ge bron to be Reynardine the for. Wpon this the Mill Taid. If it be pour maiefties pleafure to bear me . I will berlare the Truth. Speak on faid the Bing , you fall be beard : Aben Brincle the Waffiff frake ap follow About a pear fince. Reynaroure the for came to all Monattery of Manton, of tabich 4 then unber food hab formerly been a Wember, and I (whemberdamen fesor brime , was Boster of the fame Wortesberg : mil Grimtook a malifi was mp Beebeeston in obe fame of fice .

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benly taken bim off by fozce. Abe Bing feeing this committed the Batiff to Baifon : faping . When beis lets Cholerick be hall be beard. The Micers hafte to burry the Maftiff away to Bailon, pleafed the for not a little. But after Brindle mas carried away . the Bing fpake to the Fox. laving, Crabron, bere is a Stranger like your felf/ for you have always told us you are fuch) if be, when his Baltion is over , can probe what be bath faid, what fhall we think of pou! Woff Doble Brince, faid the Fox, if this Caitiff can probe a title of what be bath fallely affirmed, let me bie the woof of deaths : for I am as Innocent as any Whelp newly I bope fo, faib the king, therefore go pour man. and let the great Boddels fortune keep pou innocent Percupon the for hewing great Reberence to the bing Departed with a pleafant Countenance. But refolbed; if poffible, to put an end to the Baffiffs life : foz be well knew, if he were afecond time beard, the King would give ear to bis Mozds. Daugre all credit be binfelf couls fay to the contrary. Theretoze be contribed bis Death that very bap, in manner following: De well knowing Arfenick of Rats-bane (as 'tis commonly called) would effect the bulinels to purpole, put that into a Bowl of Freth-booth, which imelt well. When Dight came. the for putting on a Berbitozs Libery, went to the Breeper, whom be himfelf (bp another Berfan) bad befignedly made to brink bigb, not long before, and (babing put a Stone in bis Wouth to alter bis Speech) faid, Dir Jailez, my Lozd commanded me to carry this Mels to the Stranger, that was this day committed by the Ring bimfelf. Apon this the Reeper, fuppofine bim fome toads Berbant, opened bim the Waifon Dooz, and directed bim to the Paifoners Lodging. Then ben came there, the Beeper being not with bim, be fpake to the Walliff thus : bir biranger , mp Bonoured Mafter:

maffer the Lord Pantaloo, the Bings only Cofin, hearing of your Imprisonment . was berp fourp : there: faze fo foon as be beard of it, be Commanded me to being pouthis Supper, and withal bid me tell pout. that on the Bozzow, be will fend pou a good Break. faft . and after that plead pour Caufe befoze the Ring. to the utter Buin of your Enemy Crabron, whom he perily believes to be a Counterfeit; and other Courtiers, who refolbe to Second mp Lozd in your befence, are of the fame mind. Therefore bir, be of good chear, and eat what I have brought. The Maftiff bearing this , faid , I thank pon bir , tobo: ther you are, and I pap in my Dame, return mp bearto thanks to pour Lozd, and tell bim. 3 boubt not (if his Lozdibip will be pleased to countenance me) to make good my Accufation, to the Satisfaction of the Ring. wahing faid this, be greedily eat up the Broath, and belivered the empty Botol again to the for, who carried it away, and (to aboid Difcobery) threw it into the allell, wherein be had brownen Grimlook. are the total and or on the land adviced again or

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The Fox by his Craft, is not Accused for the Murther of Brindle the Mastiff: but afterward, to satisfie the Kings Jealousie of him, he is Rackt; and then confesses himself to be Regnarding.

Rabron the for early the next spozning, after be was affured that srindle mas bead, and before bis Death was publickly known, went to Court, and (as foon as was polfible) got admittance to the Bing. to whom after Dbeplance made, be thus fpake : Boff Bob'e Ring, I bope pour Bajeffp will this dap acquit me of those most falle afpersions Brind'e the Tallitt (for fuch I bear that Strangers Dame is) caft upon me pefterdap in pour Royal prefence. To this the Bing faid, It will be pour part to bindicate pour felf. Stap pour bere, and I will gibe command to being the Bailoner bither : perhaps bis Choler is bp this time abated. Bere: upon the Bing immediately fent an Difficer to the Jailoz. commanding the Paifoner to be baought. Difficer came to the Baifon, the Reeper fewed bim the dead body extreamly fwollen, and faid, Sir this Stranger barb, as I berily beliebe, by the belp of fome of his Acquaintance , purpofely Bopfoned bimfelf , being as Aluppole quite mad : for be rabed, and was outragious all day pefferday, and would never touch any thing I gabe bim'to eat , but laft night, late in the Chening , no fooner did one (to me unknown) being bim a Dels of Broath , but be (wallowed that with Greedinels ; which was undoubted!p the Woglon by which he died. Ahis the Jailoz had debifed, to ercufe bis own Regligence, in admitting any one to a Waifoner , without going bim: felf, og fending a Serbant with bim. Apon this the Dfe

ficer faid , If it be fo Sir, it will be pour fateff way to bafen to the Ring , and gibe bim the fame Account ; o: therwife pour own Life map be in banger. Abe Reeper bearing this, baffilp went with the Difficer to Court. and told the fame A ale befoze the Ring without bariation. The King asked the Jailoz what this unknown Berfon faid to the Stranger, when he brought that Bop. fonous Broath? Rothing at all, faid the Reeper, they had no discourse, only at the abelieng ers first coming to the Daifoner, be faid, Bere's pour Supper Sir, and fpake not a wood moze, noz did the Paifoner antwer bim at all, but eat up the Broath, and the Weffenger took away the Meffel (it was brought in) with bim. Breat Sir, this is the very Truth , and all I can fap. The King greatly wondzing at the Waifoners fubben beath . concluded fome Enemy had Boyfored bim, and the Reeper, notwithfanding what be faid, might be paibp thereto. Aberefoze be asked the Beeper, Why be did not of himfelf come to Court, and discover the Death of the Walfoner befoze the Bfficer came to bim? ro this be Anl wered, Bour Majeffp knows, it is pet berp Carly; I did this Boaning, as every Boaning I do, bift all under mp Cuffody, and babing with great bozzoz and griefespied the dead and poplonous Carcais of my Dutlandich Waifoner, mp Thoughts were fo confufed with that fudden amagement, that I knew not what to bo in fo great a diffraction of mind therefore could not perform mp Duty as I ought. But the Difficers coming ruickly after foon rectified the Craoz I was in: foz when I bad, as my duty was, thewn bim the dead body, Imade all polible fpeed birber with bim. Therefoge bumbly crabe pour Majefties Bardon foz omitting my Duty. Boge be would have faid, but the Bing bad bim fap no moze, but go bome and speedily bury the dead Carcals, leaft (faid be) the Jap! be infected. Aben the Keeper was gone, the Birta

to Brindles Information againft bim. to be regiffred. Poz 6 King was fealous of his Burbeyoz Crabin n. whom be had relothed to prefer to four more bonourable Office. before be beard the Baffiffs Male; but babing beard that, and this Burther fince bappening, was whollo of another mino. Ver, concealing his suspicion, be forke to the for as kindly as before. This made Grabron to Tuppole (as befeze be bad bone) that now all was well. and the Monastery could produce no more distincties a. gainft bim. But in this allo be was greatly beceibed. for the Dib Prior of the Monastery being bead, and a nem one cholen in bis room, this new Prior Difmiffed Lightfoot the Bzenbound, and Quick-feent the Lurcber . who bab both (from their Infancy) ferbed bis Bredeceffore becaufe they babing neber (to their remembance) libed elle where, befred to live abroad, that they might, as they faid, know the Moeld. After they bad ranged no bout together for fome time, Lighthoor left Quick-feent, and travelled into the Kingdom of Feraria, and fo into the forreft. Aben there, be was admired by all . be: caufe of his beauty and comely foam; and it was not long (the King bearing of bim) befoze be was fent for to Court. Aben brought into the Royal Weefence, the Bing asked bis Pame, and place of Birth. Ho this the Greyhound Antwered, Doble Baince, mp Pameis Light-foot, but my Birth place I know nor; because I was carried very Pourg into the Monastery of Manton, where A ferved the Prior bimfelf, until the barof his death. De being dead, 3 and my fellow ferbant Lurcher ; requeffed the Rew Prior to be Difmited, that we might Erabel and learn the fathions of the Moglo. De granted our requeft, and we kept Company together for fometime, till I (being befirous to fee this Bingdom, and be not confenting) left bim and came bitber. Abe

Malefactors are commonly most fecure, when nearest their Ruin. The Bing bearing bim thus fonke, asked if beineto not ane Reynardine, that was a Dember of that Society? To this the Bzepbound antwered . That there was one Reynardine a member of the Monafferp, who (being eniopned Bennance for bis milooing) ran away with his Religious Dabit, and a great while after would habe been admitted as another Berion , Thabe often beard , not only of my Maffer the Prior bimfelt, but even of all the Members of that Boufe. But if I bould fee bim, Iknow bim not ; because I cannot remember I eber Then be libed in the Bonafterp, I was too Poung to remember bim ; and when be came again Difquifed, I could not fee bim, because at that time my Wafter bab thut me and mp fellow in bis own Chamber unadbifebly. The Bing bearing this, faid no moze; but always after this, entertained greater fuspicion of bis Burbepoz Crabron ; get kept it to bimfelf. To Lightfoor the Gzepbound , be always thewed great kindnels, but charged bim to tell none of his Subjects where be lived. For the Bing refolved to underfand the truth of the matter, but was willing to take time, till further Difcoberp thould be made. Hogbe doubted that Lightfoot bad learned bis Leffon in the Foarest, of some Enemies of his Burbepoz Crabron. But this bis boubt was foon cleared by the coming of Quick-fcent the Lur: cher, who not long after (being loath to lofe bis Dlo Companion) came into the Hogreft. Aben there bearing Lightfoot Lodged in the Court, and was highly in the Kings fabour, be went directly to bis Lodging, and that Dabt lay with bim. On the Borrow Lightfoot brought Lurcher into the Bings prefence, and faid ; Poble Baince, this was my fellow-ferbant, Lurcher is bis Dame, be came into the fogreft late De: Berdap, and I have now prefumed to prefent bim to your Pou babe done well Lightfoot, faid the Bing:

and to the Lurcher be alfo faid. Friend, pou are welcome, and fo thall all Strangers be to me and mine. whilft I live. But I pany thee tell me, fince pou came from the Monafferp of Manion, whether pe knew one Reynardine? Hothisthe Lurcher answered, as Lightfoot had done, moze be could net fap, being almost of the fame Age, and of no longer fanding in the Bonaffery than be bad been. Aberefoge the Bing fpoke to bo:b of them thus : Surely, the you knew not Reynardine, pou could not choose but know Brindle the Maffiff, and his Weedecellog Grimlook, that were both Wogters of the fame Doufe. Pes, fap thep Barat Sir, we knew them bery well. Wpon the bearing of this, the Birg fad no moze, but immediately fent foz Crabron the for, to. confront bim with them. In the mean while, be further asked them . What manner of Werfon Brindle was? To which they gave fo plain and true a Defcription of bim. that the King well underflood they both told the Truth. Then be beliebed Brindle's Infoamation to be (ebery tit. tle of it) true. Aberefore when the for came before bim, be could no moze, as fozmerly fpeak kindly to bim; but ffernip faid, Crabron . I have now good reason to beliebe that pou (if Truth were known) were the fole and only Burthe er of Brindle, alfo I am now affured that pou are-Reynardine , Son of that arch Traitoz Reynard the for. Look upon thefe two true, and not (like pour felt) feigned Strangers : thefe were Contempoza: ries with you in the Bonaftery of Manton. They know you well enough, iberefoge teil me the Mruth, and ufe no moze of pour Sip Chafons toblindand deceive others, to rou own ruin : for their Aiff monp can in no wife, Adare to fap, be d. spaoved bp pou. pou to this? The for flood mute for fome fmill time, and at length thus fpake : Datab Soberaign , Jam berg fozzp pour Dajeffr fouldentertain fo ed lan Dpinion of 13.E.

me, as in any wife to fulpett my fidelity, or to fuppofe me what I am not. Ineber faw one of thefe Berfons till this bery time I came into pour Bajeffies prefence , noz ever did I fee, oz bad knowledge of the other, till I fam bim bere in Court. 3 know not what either of them can fap of me, Brindle thep map indeed babe known. because they were in the same Bouse with bim , but 'tis impossible they should either of them have known me before they came bitber; nor was I eber in their Countrey. therefore could not politibly fee or know their Wonafferp. I hope your Majeffy will not give credit to the falle Mefimony of Strangers, and Detocomers, against one of pour Majeffies moft faithful Serbants , the a Stran: ger alfo. And as for the Death of Brindle, I know no moze of that, than both a Boung-fuckling Beaft. Well then, faid the King, if it be fo, that all I have faid will not make pou fpeak Truth, I will try what Toaments Babing faid this, be immediately commanded four of the firengeft Servitozs about the Court to take up Crabron, two of them by bis Arms, and the other two by his Legs and with all their firength to Dato four feberal ways, titl they had disjopnted bis Limbs. They take bim up, as the Bing commanded ; but the Debile being net and they themfelbes fearful . each fuppofed be beem moze than bis fellow, and fo ufed not half their frength. Deberthelefs Crabron fearing they would indeed disjoynt his Limbs, and so be thould be enforced to libe Diferably for fome thoat time, and then unaboidably die a fhameful Death cried out extreamlp, and with a feigned, low and faint boice, faid, Revnardine dies. The King bearing this, commanded them. to leave bim.

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CHAP. XXI.

Reynardine committed to Prison, after his Confession makes his escape in the Night, and goes into Pirwood, where he lies concealed for some time; but the Pranks he there played; soon discover him.

Bentber bableft bim , be lap groaning , as if be bad been Mozmented indeed, whereas in Erutbbe was not burt. Debertbelefs, to be: ceibe the Bing, and that be might not be fettered, as Qurtherers and Traitors are wont to be; be feigned be could not fir band og foot. Abe Bing not bifcerning his Diffimulation, took pitty of him, and commanded be thould be carried carefully to Bailon; and there laid without any fetters, upon a bed of Straw. Also the King would have fent for a Leech , to apply Blaiffers to bis jopats; but Reynardine (as now we thall always call bim) bearing the King speak of sending for bim; faib, Dzead Soberaign , if I lie without fetters . 3am fure my Limbs will better beal of themfelbes, than by the belp of any Leech. The King knowing that the for bimfelf bad pantifed Bopfick , faid no moze thereabout, only ordered be thould be fecured, till be called for bir. So be was carried to Waifon , and laid down eafily, faccozding to the Bings command) upon a Bed of Strate. The Beeper alfo knowing b.m., put bim in the beft room of the Paifon, and fed bim with bis own bands, be cause be thought the for could not feed bimfelf. But be bery evilly required the Zailoz's kindnefs: for when Dight came, bis Chamber being a Ground Boom, nert to the bigh way, be dug bis way out, and foefcaped as bout Bionight. But when got out, be knew not which way to go, therefore be then earneffly and unfe gnedi

(as he neber befoze bid pam'b to foatune thus, Deaent WickedPer-Bobbels fortune, bouchfate this once to alfift me. Da= fons in dibing faid this , he efpied an Ignis fatuus , og Will with ftress will be, the Bifp; which be then took to be fent by fatune, or (at leaft) to birect his way. This he followed, till he came into devout, Pictwood, which formerly belonged to ligrim the anolf, but after be was Erecuted foz Areafon, the Bing gabe it for an Inberitance to Chantacleer and bis family. pet be knew not where be was, till dap break. Inben be perceived be was in Pirrwood, be rejopced not a little; because be knew none of the Beafts of the fogreft burff come there, by reason of a Bacclamation (lately fet foath) which probibited all Beafts whatfoeber, from entring any part thereof. . This Pachibition was made at the request of Did Chantacler, who with all his family were in like manner fozbid to enter the foreft. all this Mood was inhabited by Chantacleers family, ercept ligrim's Balace, which none of them would dwell in, because be was a Araitoz. Were the for took up his residence. The first day be imployed (without any food) to observe bow Chantacleer's family (which be faw were very numerous) were fed. then perceived the old ones went out into the Fields. and pict up Barley, which they brought in abundance to their young. De likewife took good notice, where the Chickens roofed at Pight. Babing learned all this, when It ght came be nrft filled bis Belly with fuch of them as be could best come at: afterwards be went out into the fields, and (in an old Sack be found in his new Lodging gathered together as mith Barlen. Bars, and other Wain . as by the Render frobt of the waining Woon be could fee to pick up. This be carried bome, and then beffemed the remainder of that Bight in fleep. The next dap be fcattered part of the Coan in two orthree fmall ground paffages into the Balace. This Bait

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Bait allured the Chickens to come nearer and nearer. till thep were out of their Bothers fight, and within bis reach. Thus be lived bery plentifully for temor twelve Daps, but afterward, the Bens fo well guarded their Cbickens, keeping them always all together about them, that the for could get nothing in the day time, what be got was benight, and that but little neither. Aberefoze be bebifed anorber mift (neber thinking be was obler: bed and mould be called to account for his wisdemean. ozs) which was as follows: In the Dight be bigged feberal fmall and bery deep boles, over which be laid fmall Beeds, which with the leaft weight, would fuddenly bzeak; upon thefe be fcattered fome fem Bzains of Coan. and fo left them. By thefe Snares, the poungeff and weakeft of the Chickens were caught , but theelder and ftronger (by belp of their Mings , escaped. Bet in the mean while, it was well known to Did Chantacleer bimfelf, and to many of bis Childzen and Dephems: that the wurtherer of their off fpzing kept bis refibence in the Molf's Balace, but none of them could eber babe a perfect fight of bim. Therefoze after this last Wifrbiet was known, they resolved to watch the Boles, to fee who be was, that hould come out to take the Chickens. fallen into thole Wits. In ogber to this Chantacleer commanded feberal of them to afoend the Arees, that flood nearest the Bits, and there lie close, and be bery Marchful to observe who be was , that bad bone them fo much mifchief. They bo accordingly, and in the mean time be bimfelf and all the other (as if they had de: spaired of ever knowing who had burt them) went their way far from the Wits , and came no moze near them all the day. This the for plainly faw, but knew no thing of those that bad ascended the Arees. Aberefoze, bunger pinching bim, be (long befoze Bigbt) came to the

the nearest Bit , and took out Ebree Boung Chickens, which he baltily carried into bis Lobarna, fuppeling none had feen bim. But be was at that time plainly feen by them, that watched in the Trees; thefe fpeebily described bis form and Shape, to Did Chantacleer; who prefently commanded three or four of the Cideft of his Sons to follow him, and that in the mean while, fuch as were beft able. Hould belp the Bounglings (re-(maining alibe) out of the Wits, into which they were fo unluckily fallen, and if polfible fill up the Bifs with Carth befoge night. Babing giben this Diber, be and bis Sons went out of the Blood, and travelled towards the Bigh-Road going into the Fazreft. Dere they met with feberal, to whom they fold their Baievance, Deferib ing the Burtberer to them , that they (according to the Kings Wooclamation) might carry Information thereof to the Court. But they not regarding what they beard . took little or no notice thereof: faving . It is no part of our Bufinels. Abis angred Dlo Dir Chantacleer nora little, being griebed at bis Beart (foz into the forrest it was not lawful for him, or his to enter) that be could not fee no other Beafts mote cibil than thep. Ambilft be was in this angry mood, it was his good bap to efpp Sir Firrapel the Libbard (who was going to bis Countrep Walace) with feberal At: tendants following bim, to whom be thus fpake . Do: noured Lord Frrapel , the Decellity and Diffrefs 3 and mine are in. by reason of the many Wurders and Depzedations committed upon my family, by a certain frange Beaft , babing neither Cars noz Mail , who (in less than twenty days time) harh Wurther ed near an bundred of my Band-Childen, enfozceth me to interrupt pour Lozdibip at this time, &c Boge the Cock would babe fpoken, but mas prebented bp

by Sir Firrapel the Libbard, who faid, Did Sir Chantacleer 3 pitty vour Cafe, but am glab to bear where this firange Beaft is. for what be is, 3 already well know. De is . Ill affure pou no other than Reynardine the Son of Reynard the for . that Arch Traitoz: About twenty baps fince be baoke Baifon : but 3 bope ere twenty days more are paffed, be will not be libingines oz 3 berilp beliebe, be (in the form of a Whyficianier and Dodozs you know babe too often paibiledge to hill) Burdered my father with a Dozmitoap Botion. Aberefoze 3 will fap my Journey. and return back to Court, and this bery Dight ac quaint the Ring with pour Condition. But be pou careful in the mean while, to keep all buth and fiell all Dight (that the for may miftruff nothing) and on the Mozzow I doubt not , but I thall by the Bings command be with you early in the Moaning to appate bend this Willainous Beaft. Chantacleer , bearing this, bumbly thanked bim, and went bis way to ward the Mood, where be fazbid all noife and clais moz, during the whole Dight, erpecting the Lock Firrapels coming early in the Mozning. er in december of the control of the

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CHAP. XXII.

Sir Firrapel the Libbard, with Quick-scent the Lurcher, and many Soldiers, are sent to apprehend the Fox. He is taken and brought before the King, who passeth Sentence of Death on him, to be Executed the next day.

be Lord Firrapel, according to his promife to Die Chantacleer the Cock, Dib that night dischose what he bad beard to the Bing, who commanded bim to take with bim Quick-fcent the Lur: cher, and a Band of Soldiers , and bery early in the Mouning to march to Pictwood, and (if possible) to appaebend bim , but in no wife to kill bim (whatfoeber refistance be made) if they could by any means avoid it. Withal be gave firiet charge to Sir Firrapel, that no biolence fould, by any of his Soldiers, be offered to Chantacleer og any of bis family. According to this Peccept, they fet out at day break the next Mozning and marching apace, were quickly come to the Bozders of Pittwood, where Dlo Chantacleer and many of his family, met them with joy, and immediately (after thoat falutations paffed) conducted them to ligrim's palace, where the Soldiers boping mand the for) rufted in with great biolence ; fearch. ed every bole and corner thereof; but find bim they could : not. for Reynardine mas up before thep came near the Mood, and bearing a noife, and feeing a great Company marching towards the fame; peefently apperbend: ed bis own banger, and fled. But Quick-fcent the Lurcher, babing found the fcent of his footing, immediately ran after the for , who in that flight ufed all bis Arts, turning.

turning and returning barious ways, and fometimes be would run circular, and then into a bired path again : for be knew be thould be purfued, becaufe Quick-fcent the Lurcher (whom he most feared) and Light-foot the Bzephound were Courtiers, and be Cuppoled might be amorg the Soldiers be had feen. Aberefoze be leb Qick-leent fuch a dance nit was almost 1200n befoge be could overte In the mean while, Sir Firrapel the Libbard , knowing Quick-feent was in purfuit of Reynardine, and therefore had conceibed good bope of his being taken, led all bis Soldiers out of the Bood, to the great content of Chantacleer and bis family : promifing them not to return into the for: reft , till be carried the for Waifoner with bim to Court. When got out of the Mood, be fozgot not prefently to fend feveral Soldiers to affift Quick-teenr, who just about Deon returned with the Soldiers, and the for his Baifoner. being all fufficiently tired: therefoze bir Firrapel commanded they thould all reft with bim and bis Company foz an bour. Accoadingly they bid fo. Du ring this time of Reft . Dld Sir Chancacleer . and ma: np of his family came out of the Mood, partly to congratulate the Logo firrapel's good fuccels in taking Reynardine; but chiefip, that they might fee bim, that is the for . whole Eves fome of the Poungeft of that Company would have pecked out, bad they not been prebented by Chantacleer bimfelf; who fearing some Wischiet would happen (as foon as was possible) took bis leave of the Lord Grrapel, Quick-cem the Lurcher, and all the Soldiers, returning them bearip thanks for the pains be bad taken in apprehending the for their Grand Chemp, and tog their great Cibility to bim and bis. Then be departed, with his recinue into the Mood. Dot long after this, the Load tirragel commanded bis Solders to march, be himfelf leading them fair and foftlp.

foffip. Then they were entered the foareit, in every Street (they paffed through) great Rumbers of Beaffs were gathered together to feethe for , who all the wap be went bung down bis bead ; net fe much for hame, as for grief and anger, to fee bimfelf mabe fo publick a Basing fock. When they came to Court, none entred but bir Firrapel the Libbard , and Quick-teent the Lurcher . woom the Ring (being juft then at Dinner) comanded to eat with bim. The Soldiers Buarding the for without the Court Bates, bad enough to be to befend bim from the biolence of the Duttitude; who rebiled bim ertreamly , calling bim Burderous Dipocrite. Arai- on of the Vultor, Liar, Diffembler, and what not. In all which, gar is often they fpake more truly, than themselves were aware of, conjectural. After the Bing bad Dined, be thanked Sir Firrapel. and Quick-feent, for taking Revnardine alibe, accord ing to his Will; withal asking bow, and where they took bim? Ro this the Load Firrapel (after due Dbepfance to the Eng) faid, Deead Soberaign, the Bo: property of nour of this daps Enterpaige appertains to Sir Quick- Noble Comfcent only, not to me, og any of my Soldiers. fog mander. after be came into Pittwood, and had fearched Ifgrims Balace, we could not find Reynardine, who (as it feems) was efcaped befoze we could enter bis Lodging: which escape of his, Sir Quick-fent firft perceibing, followed him by the foot , and at length (afrer a long. tedious, and intricate purfuit) ober-took and feised bim. about nine Aurlongs diffant from the 2000d. All that Ibid, og could bo in this Cafe, was only to fend out fame few Soldiers to affift Sir Quick-fcent; who, with thole Soldiers I fent , were lufficiently tired , befoze be could be taken. After be was taken , and baought befoge me, lping (with my Soldiers) on ibe Dogrbde of the Blood , babing giben the Burfuers fome time: to rest themselves, we marched into the forrest; not baffilp.

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haffilp . but wich a flow pace, that all might fee and know the Baffoner. Don bid bery well , faid the Bing. and in a little time 3 will not fail to reward Quick-fcent according to bis befert. But now let me fee the Baifoner. Aben was the for at the command of Sir Firrapel; baught into the bings prefenceby a lufty fout Souldier. to whom be was chained. The Bing feeing bim, fpake thus, D Grecrable Willain! the offifpzing of a wicked and pernicious Araitoz: Pour father I well remem: ber, was by mp Royal father twice parboned Dffen ces beferbed Death; in requital of which, and to make amends for the great Bonours after ward conferred up. on b.m. be, pou (as I babe juft caufe now to think) and others, traiterously contribed not only bis ruin and mine. but a total extirpation of all the Royal Line. Pou fince. that you map run parallel with your curfed father, babe by flight twice ebaded Juffice ; if you escape a third time, the fault will be moze mine than peurs. Therefoze, now make a true and unfeigned Confession of all pour Mickedneffes, which I am fure are bery great; for pour thall die befoge Sun fet. Abe for bearing this , being forely terrified, knew not what to fay; but at length (after fome thoat paule) fpake as follows, Waeat bir, I do confels I babe been a berp Wicked Liver; but fince nip Discovery I have preferred Death before Life; becaute Talways lived in fear of Teath: Dead I would gladly be , but to bie I am afraid. The particular Baffages of my Life, I would willingly (if I may be per: mitted) beclare before I die but cannot do that . to thout fome time granted me to collect mp felf, and call to mind what I hall fpeak. Eberefoze bumbly beg. that my Life may be prolonged till too Porrow at Doon, longer time Thefire not. Sothis the Bing fait, Reynardine, pou bave already broke Baifon, I cannot truff pou a econd time. Aponthis, Sir Firrapel, boping the

the For would confels the Hurther of his Father) fath, Wzead Hoberaign, A will undertake the Ebarge of him this Right, if he eleapes, let me Wie for him. Ho, said the King, the disparity between him and you is foo great; it hall not be so. But if he escape, they to-whom you hall commit the Charge of him, hall certain, ly die as Araitors. Abe Lord Firrapel bearing this said, I hope Hir, neither I, nor any other, hall be exposed to that danger; for if he were ten times stronger, and more subtile than he is, I am sure I could secure him. Ho so, said the King. Ethen was the For led away hy Hir Firrapels Holdiers, who secured him all Right, till next day near Poon.

CHAP. XXIII.

Reynardise the Fox at the place of Execution, makes a long and lying Oration to the King, whereby he gains a Reprieve to a further time.

The Solders (by the Lord Firrapels Deder) a little befoze Boon, carry the for bound to the appointed place of Execution , where the ling himfelf, many of the Pobles, Wr. Afino, and a multitude of other Spectators , mere Allembled to bear the for's Speech, hefoge bis (fuppofed) nigh approaching Death. Dier the Ballows purpolely erested for this intended Crecution : All the for's Rames were written in Capital Letters, thus, REYNARDINE, PEDAN-TO, SHIFTER, CRABRON, REYNAR. DINE. Distnue Bame being twice Mritten, viz. firft and laft, that all might understand who be was. The Bing feeing the for led up three at four steps of the Ladder, erected against the Gallotos whereon he was to 10 bt

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be Executed, said, Pow Reynardine, I have given pour the time you requested, therefore be Ingenious, and without fraud or faculty discover the whole Introgues of your Life; that others by your Example, may take warning. The for hearing this, spake as follows.

YOur Majesty, Dread Soveraign, and all you Nobles. and Commoners, that shall hear me this day, may very wellin me, and in the various changes of my life; obferve the mutability, unconstancy, and uncertainty of Worldly Prosperity. For when your Majesties Royal Father (of Happy Memory) first Advanced my Father, who (I must needs say) proved too ungrateful and wicked. in Plotting and Contriving the Ruin of fo Magnanimous a Prince, and Noble Benefactor: I was fo Young, that I was utterly uncapable to know what my Father then was, or in times past had been; but after I grew up, and perceived the great State he lived in, and knew him to be a Lord: I thereupon affumed haughty thoughts. judging my felf inferior to none of the Sons of the greatest Lords in the Kingdom. These Ambitious Thoughts of mine, were the Grand Causes of my future Misery. For after my Father's Treason was discovered . and he had committed all his Treasure to me and my Brother Volpus, we went with it into the Province of Longwood, where that Treasure lies hid unto this day. There my Brother through his own folly, presuming to fight with one that was too ftrong for him, loft his Life. After his Decease, I went into the Dutchy of Manton, and in the Monastery there was entertained as a Member; but judging that Life inferior to the supposed Nobility of my Birth, I grew out of Conceit therewith, and one day (being not content with my Allowance) I stole a small Fish out of the Kitchin, Being taken with my Their about me, I was enjoyned a most cruel long fast for Pennance.

nance, which I could not bear : Therefore I left the Monastery , and coming into this my Native Countrey; I was (by Zani the Ape) Advised ro turn Doctor of Phyfick, and present my self as a Stranger, by the Name of Dr. Pedanto, His Counfel I took, and Practifed Physick with good success, as is very well known; until he disliking my Service, fetting up for himself, Discovered me me to my U doing, and his own Ruin. After this Difcovery, being enforced to flie for the fafeguard of my Life; I returned into the Dutchy of Manton, where feeing a Mountebank upon a Stage, I requested him to cut off my I ail and Ears, offering as a Recompence (because other Satisfaction I could not give) to affirm to all the Spectators, which were that day very Numerous, that I felt no Pain at all; tho therein (I now confets) I egregiously lied. However Necessity forced me at that time so to do: For I had hopes, by reason of that disfiguring, to be admitted again into the Monastery, as Brindle the Mastiff truly told your Majesty. This hope failing, I returned again hither, and was admitted into my Lord Sty look's Service, a very Noble Lord; and Worthy Master to me, Ah! his Death, his Death, (I say) pierceth my very heart to think of: for had he lived till Hypocricy now, I might have lived longer in fafety. But alas your here expres-Majesties good will, and immense favour, in Advance- fed by the ing me to a place of Profit and Repute, was the Occasi- lamentation. on of my being known and discovered.

Here the King interrupting him, said, Reynardine, 3 thought in the Condition you now are, you would have made afree, true, and ingenious Confession of all pour Wisdemeanours; but instead of so doing, you tell a Stoap, (well known already) of pour Theft in the Bonaftery , of your Bactifing Bhyfick , and ef your Mail and Cars being cut off, which every body fees. what fap you to the Burther of mp Dld Logd Firrapel,

Notable Fox's feigned and of Brindle the Mallitta Poplating, Dow can bon clear pour felf of thefe Crimes! Then the Fox proceeded thus:

I humbly crave your Majefiles Pardon, that I have not hitherto fooken fo fully to the purpose as your Majeffy expected. As rouching the Old Lord Fireagel . I

Als, shews the craft of Sophisters, to procure an Ignorant Voucher for their own curfed and deceitful Actions.

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A The Fox's am in no wife guilty of his Death, I with fome of those. Appeal to the that then were his Attendants could as well clear themfelves from Guilt, as I can. Here is my Young Lord Firtapel, who knows well I had not given his Father that Dormitory Potion, but at his earnest defire, and upon his promife (upon his honour) to endempnify me. For (as I told him) I feared his Father would die Sleeping; to prevent which, I ordered that after he had flept four hours, he should be awakned with a Taber and Pine. played on at first softly, and afterwards louder and louder, till he was fully awakned. If this way was not rational and ingenious, A I Appeal to the Reverend and most learned Dr. Asino here present, who for my late Honoured Lord and Master the Lord sty look . made a when they do Composition to admirable and excellent, that Apollo himfelf, or Escalapius, or Machaen . (had they all , orelther of them been then present) could not have made a better or more falutary Diet-drink, * but my Lords Crazed Body and Weak Nature fru trated all his good FoxEmprick and laudable Endeavours. Here the Fox Paufed, and was Silent.

Then the Als glad to hear himself so highly Praised: ficians, who faid, Great bir, Reynardines's Abbite to a wakning the brand meaner Decedied Lozd out of le profound a Sleep, as Ano-Practicioners dynes are wont to infer, was bety commenbable, and bigbly to be praised in an Empyrick. For I well te member, being (on a time) fent foz to Court . to cure an Eminent Courtier then Dick, I faped there all Bidbr. and being on the Mozrote early to go to wait upon ano. ther

ther Person of Mozth, was (after great Meariness, and a prosound Sieep thence ensuing) awakned after the same manner, and that method of awakning out of Sieep, was very delightful, pleasant and salutary, as I then sound by Experience, and have since need with very good success in others. Here the Ass ceased to speak, and the Fox proceeded as follows:

As to the Poyloning of Brindle the Massiff, Dread Soveraign, I know nothing; for I had no hand in it, but was and am as innocent thereof as a Whelp in the Womb. It is true indeed, and I must now needs confess, that I was glad to hear of his Death; because I

knew he could (being dead) tell no Tales.

But Reynardine, said the king, all this while you say nothing of your kathers Areason, to which you (being then grown up) must needs be paivy: so a else, how could be maintain so many holdiers in his Castle, and you not know why they were there kept. Besides, you contess you had your kathers Areasure, which you say lies hid in the Baobince of Longwood: If you had so great Areasure, what need had you to herd your self in a Monastery, and after that to come hither twice Wisquised, only so a living (as Nuppose) when you had so much, by the benesit of which you might have lived any where?

To this the Fox Answered, Great Sir, seeing your Mather the Fox Answered, Great Sir, seeing your Mather the Fox Answered, Great Liberty of Speech beest Liers, and fore I die, I intend to relate the whole Truth, and nothing but the Truth, and I here invoke our great Godmost apt to des Fortune to send some Eminent Plague upon me, if use Imprecatuter one word that is false or untrue. When my Fations before ther first contrived his Treason, or how, when or where others, to he treated with his Fellow-Conspirators, I can in no wise consistent tell. I saw him daily to entertain new Soldiers in his Lies.

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whenfoever I asked him thereabout, he would Answer me thus? Son, trouble not your felf at present, in time you shall both see and know, why I do this. Such general Answers I always had from him, and knew nothing of his intent, till the morrow morning early after he had put his intended Treason in Execution. Then I saw him march in hastily with his Soldiers, immediately calling for me and my Brother: To whom he thus spake, Son's, Fortune hath frowned upon me, but I hope will be to you propitious: Therefore you shall take my Treasure. the Bulk of which we then faw (tho never before) ready bound up in ten Packs, which were delivered to ten able Servitors to carry. We went away with these Servitors (after we had received our Fathers Benediction. and (everal private Instructions) by Night Journeys, into the Province of Longwood, where the Treasure was deposited in a very commodious private and drie Cave. This Treasure, after we heard of our Fathers Death, my Brother Volpus (contrary to my Fathers Order) would have had equally divided between us; but I not confenting. it was left undivided till after my Brother was killed. Then knowing my felf the fole and only Post effor thereof, I refolved to follow my Fathers Instructions: which were that we should bury the same for some years, that if Advertity thould afflict us, it might be a Succour to us in time of diffres. This I resolved to do, but fearing it might be taken up by Robbers; I addressed my self to Adramand the Inchanter, who then lived on that part of Ling-wood, that bordered upon the Kingdo n of Zal p. Herequired a twentieth part of the Treasure: faying, If I gave him that Reward he would fecure the Remainder by Art Magick for a certain number of Years, Days, Hours and Minutes. Hereupon I agreed to give him what he demanded; and then he used his Art to bind the remainder to me and for my use for ever; but not to be taekn

taken up by me or any other Person, till the term of five Years, five Days, five Hours, and five Minutes, should be fully complear and ended. The five Years are now within two Days fully accomplished, so that (had I lived) about feven Days or eight at farthest, I should have re-possessed all the Remainder of that vast Treasure. by which I might have made my Peace with your Majefty, and stopped the mouths of all my Adversaries. This was the true Reason why I broke Prison, and fled into Pittwood, where I intended to have flayed till the time aforefaid was expired; and then according to the Inftructions I received from Adramand, my purpose was to go into Long-wood, take up my Treasure, with part of it satisfie Old Chantaoleer (who spake greater evil of me. than I deferved) for the wrong I did to his Family, and fafter that come to Court and lay all at your Majesties feet. This had I lived, I should have done.

Pere the For ended his Deation, and seemingly offered himself to Death, by the Erecutioners hand. But the King (well knowing Dld Resnard was very Rich, and no part of his Mealth was found, when his Castle was taken by Stoom, rised and ruined by the Soldiers) because he thought the For's Tale thereabout might be true, bid the Secutioner stay; saying, Pold your hand, the Pecutioner stay; saying, Pold your hand, the Peissoner shall not diethis day. I will appoint some other time for the purpose; therefore take him away, and ler him be carefully secured, till Jeali so this. So the For was led away to Prison according to the Kings Command.

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CHAP. XXIV.

The King fends for Remardine, demands an Account of the Treasure he spake of. The Fox gives a seigned Account, which is taken in Writing, and he re-manded to Prison.

De nere day after Dinner, the Ring fends for Reynardine to Court and fonke to bim as foli lows. Revnardine. I babe respited pour Grecution for a time; but pou know the Baoberb is, Forbearance is no Acquittance. So a Repaiebe is no Ber: Therefore mind tobat & note lap, if any part of what you babe affirmed in pour pefferdags Speech, be found falle, pou thall certainly die; but if all be true (which I bery much fulped) you may find mercy , and be reflozed to your Diffice again. To this the for after low Whepfance made to the Ming , faid, Dread Sobe raign, if one tittle of what a peterdap fooke be false, let me die the woalt of deaths. But if pour Pajelly will promife me Wardon at this time. I will unfeignedly dis coher the way of breaking the Spell, that Adramand the Inchanter laid upon my Areafure. whereby it hall be easie for your Maietip, arany other by your Maie flies appointment, to take up the fame, and being it bither . exinto any other part of this Bingdom. Stap Reynardine, faib the Bing, I will make no promise to pou, but if pou be boneft and ingenious, and do nour part, as pou babe faid ; I will then act as becomes a Waince. Leabe all to me, but firft gibe me an Account of the Barticulars of that Treafare. Ho this the for faid . Great Sir, as far as I can now remember, I will: but I bumbir request mp Woods map be takenin Writ-

ing, that your majetty may when the Wacks come to be opened, find moze by much than I can now call to mind. It thail be and to be affured of mp fidelity and truth. lo, laid the Ring. Aben was a Secretary immediate: ip called, who being come into the Royal Prefonce, was commanded to fit down, and write what the for hauld diante, which was as follows.

Inprimis, One Chain of Gold three Yards long, weighing Sixty Ounces, three drams and a half.

Item . Two Chains of Gold two Yards and a half long.

weighing forty nine Ounces three Granes.

It. Five other small Gold Chains, not fully two Yards long, weighing Sixty five Ounces, four Drams, and rwo

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It: That Head of Gold which your Majesties Royal Father caused to be put upon a Staff to be born before my Father, when he was created Lord Chief Bailiff. In the hollow of which Head are a great number (how many I know not) of Pearls, some small and some large, but all very round and transparent. The weight of these I know not.

It. An Emerald, admirably Polifhed and very translucid, weighing near half a Pound, and fexangular in

It. Thirty fix other small Emeralds, the weight of which I know not.

It. Ten Rubies of great value enclosed in Gold. Their

weight I know not.

It. Many Lockets of Diamonds, their number or value not known to me, all inclosed in a large Silver Cafket curioufly wrought.

It. About thirty or forty Saphire Stones, their value

unknown.

It. Fifteen Goblets of Gold, weighing feventy two Ounces. B

It. Twenty

It. Twenty three Gold Cups, not weighed and mile

It. Fourteen Pieces of Unicorns-horn of very great

value.

It. An Ebony Cup curiously wrought, and inlaid with Diamonds, Rubies, Saphires, and Emeralds. An incomparable piece, of value inestimable.

It. A Table of Ebony, with Ivory-feet, curioufly in-

laved with Silver and Gold.

It. One large Box of Tortoise-Shell, finely polished.

It. Of Silver Vessels, of various Sorts, Sizes and Forms, almost an infinite number; besides Combs, Esr-pickers, Tooth-pickers, and the like; the value or weight of which I cannot remember.

It. Of Corinthian Brass, esteemed more precions than Gold, a good quantity; but not wrought into form.

It. Of Gold in Wedges unwrought, about Seventy

pound weight.

It. Of Silver un wrought, Three hundred and thirty five pound weight, or thereabout.

Abere were many other things, but thefe are all I can now remember. All! faid the Bing, and I fear a great deal moze than All; for (tho Iknow your father was Mealthp) pet I cannot imagine where or bow be could get fo much. To this the for faid. Dzead Soberaign, when I faw all thefe Things? I wondzed extreamly, but after 3 bad called to mind the many 182e: fents (befides Bzibes taken on both fibes) mp father daily receibed, my Admiration foon ceafed. Hozebery Common Beaft of the foareft, that bad either found oz floin any thing that is rare and curious, would prefently being og fend it as a Weefent to bim. Aberefoge I bumbly request your Pajesty to permit me to have a Copp of this Account, that nothing in it map (by others) be changed to mp prejudice; and your Bajefip fall find tbas

that I have not lied in the least, but given an Account far wast of the Riches will there be found. The King ordered him a Copy, which being wait, and compared with this, agreed exactly. After this was done, the for was fent back to Paison, where he remained three or four days, hearing nothing from the Court.

CHAP. XXV.

The King fends for the Fox again, and after some surther discourse, sends Quick-scent the Lurcher with him into the Province of Longwood to dig for, and take up the aforesaid Treasure.

P the mean while the King dispatched away as wift Meffenger, to go and enquire foz Adramand the 3n= chanter, whether any fuch were, and if he found him, to learn of him what he could of Reynardine and bis Areafure. The Wellenger making erceeding great hafte, returned the third day, and brought word that Adramand was bead. Which the for knew befoze; other: wife be durft not habe mentioned bis Mame. Wiben the Ring beard there bad been fuch a Berfon as Adramand , and that he was but lately dead; he gave moze credit to the for's words than be could before bo; per wondred in his mind, which was twas possible, that Reynardine's father thould fcrape together fo great a Mals of But after be had confidered bis Ambitious defign to ulurp the Bingdom bis Monder cealed. There: foze early the next Moaning be fent foz Reynardine, to whom coming before him be thus fpake, Reynardine, you rold us of a bery large Areafure (the particulars of which pon bave fince given) bid in the Paobince of Longwood, and there secured to your use by the Art Magick D 2

Magick of one Adramand an Inchenter ; Je this Adramand living new? To this the for antwered, bir ? knownot; be was libing when I came last into this Ringdom . but fince & batte not beard of bim. Abmit he would be bead (faid the Ring) tobat Course will poutben take? Wzeat bir, faid the for, if be be beab be bath berified his own Beediction of himfelf, which mas . that be fould not live till the five Dears were erpined; but faid be , if I be then libing I will affift pour if nor, then bo pou proceed thus. When the time is fully expired, pou muft attend other five Dans, fibe Bours, and fibe Winutes , befoze pou can take up this Ereafure. On the firft dap, babing made a Circle as near as possible to the place where your Areasure is (02 at leaft where you think it is) there within the Circle, facrifice a Chamelion to b great Goddels foztune: Batte nefe of pour Countrep.e reft pour felf within that Circle all that Right. The next day make another Circle, and within that facrifice a Poung Cock to Mars but lie not within that Circle as you didin the firft. The third bay make another Circle, also cutting the circumference of the first; in this Circle facrifice a Dobe to the Goddels Venus, with great Depotion, abstaining from Venery all that day and night, and abide no longer within that Circle than whilft pou are Sacriffing. The fourth day make another like Circle, cutting the Beriphery of the first . in which facrifice a Berpent to Mercury ; in that Circle abide till Sun fet , but no longer. Laftly. on the fifth day, babing made a fifth Circle, cutting the Circumference of the firft. In the Center of this Circle make an bole, and in that bole kill a Bole, for a facrifice to Pluto, God of Riches; this Sacrifice bury in the Earth within the fame bole, and lie upon it till that day is fully expired. The remaining fibe Bours and fibe Minutes . imploy in lying without all the Circles (faid (faid be) and diligently watch , where you thall fee a libing Bole thauft out bis bead. Seeing this, dig there; for there lies pour Areafure, faid Adramand. I monder faid the Ring, toby be appointed to facrifice things fo bifferent in Mature, and bid not affign one facrifice to all the Bods : but abobe all , I moff admire tobp a Chamelion thould be facrificed to our Goddels, to whom me offer no facrifice at all. Wo this the for faib, Dread Boberaign, I asked the Inchanter the rea fon of thefe Different Sacrifices, and be ahlwered thus. In Magical Mozks, all Sacrifices and other mequifit mites to be performed, must be confonant to the nature of the Bobs, and agrecable to the intended Bufinels. Aberefore to fatisfie your Curiofity , 3 will explain the mat ter as follows. To fortune , pour Goddels (faid be) we facrifice a Chamelion, magically intimating the bariable and mutable Parure of Fortune. For as a Chamelion upon barious representations of things, or as its. own Affections are Divertifped and altered barionily baries and biberfifies its Colour : fo the great Gobels fortune, as the is diberfip affected, beffows Mealth, Bo nours , Baofperity, and what not in one bour ; and a feto Days after funtches all away in a Moment to fatishe the bariety and changablenets of her own amill and Dieafure. of Com. an oanc.

To Mars, we Sacrifice the Cock a martial and warlike Creature, magically indicating the Heroick and War-like Nature of Mars.

To Venus, we Sacrifice the Dove, an aimiable, loving and chaft Bird, magically to denote the Beauty, Loveli-

ness, and Chasticy, of the Goddess Venus,

To Mercury, we facrifice a Serpent, a most subtile, warry, and ingenious Creature, magically to shew the sly ingenious subtilty of that God Mercury.

Laftly,

Lastly, To Pluto, God of Riches, we facrifice a Mole, (as it were a magical emblem) to fignific the givedy and insatiable disposition of Covetous Persons, who never adore or offer Sacrifice to the Gods, but when they would add Riches to Riches, as the Mole scrapes up Earth upon Earth, and perpetually delights therein. Likewise this God Pluto, and all his Worshippers are blind as the Mole; therefore to offer him any other Sacrifice, would be no less than derision. And to deride the Gods is dangerous.

Much more he spoke touching them all, than I have here mentioned, but (because I would in no wise be guilty of sale-hood) I will rather speak too little, than utter one word that is not true. Only this I can most truly add, that (as I now well remember) he then said, All other Sacrifices than these above named, are nauceous to, and disesteemed by these Gods and Goddesses.

If fo, faid the King then we (that offer no Bacrifices) do far better than they that offer to the Wods, what pleafeth them not. Arue, Gzeat Sir , faid the for, 'tis dangerous to be fallely religious. Well Reynardine, faid the King. Beligion is not our Hask now. I will at prefent difebarge pou of pour clofe Confinement. Pou fhall be a Waifoner at large with Quickfcent the Lurcher, be mall be pour Beeper, with bim rou fall go into Longwood, to take up the Areafure pou fpeak of : the Sacrifices enly I am careful about, to think how they will be gotten. The for bearing this (with bery great the concealed jop) faid , Dread Soberaign , if Quick-fcent be my Beeper, I boubt not with bis Affiffance, in our Journey to probide all but the Cock and Dobe : and thate I am fure your Bajeffy can command; if not , Quick-feent and I can eafily get them in the Bingdom of Zalap, where are plenty of cocks. 1115.

docks . and Dobe Coats not a felo . Apon this the King commanded Quick-feent the Lurcher fould be called : to wbom, when come befoge bim, be thus foake. Quick-fcent I fent foz you to commit to your Care the Charge of Reynardine, with whom you thall go into Longwood to fearch foz, and take up his Treasure. anhen you babe (by bis Arts, tabich will be france and mofferious) found the place where it lies, and are come to a plain fight thereof, then thall pou fend bim away to me . but flap pour felf there to fecure the Treafure. It mill be convenient for pou to take a Servitor with vou. to go to and fre of pour Errands; but let him know nothing of the main Bufinels , that no Tales may be told : and when you fend away Reynardine, fend pour Serbitor with bim, as it were to wait on bim to Court. But in fecret, the King gabe the Lurcher other particular Infructions, all tending to the fecuring of Reynardine, leaft he thould flipaway, as (maugre all his Care) be afterward b.b. Bere the Lurcher asked the Bing when his Maieffy would command them to begin their Journep? To mogrow mogning early, because the Journey is long . faid the Bing: according to which Command they began to fet foath befoze bunirife the nert bay.

CHAP. XXVI.

The Fox and Lurcher enter the Province of Longwood, where (after the Fox had offered most of his Sacrifices) he makes his escape; and Lurcher returns affiamed to Court.

A hey went fozward in their Journey, the fox spake to the Lurcher thus, hir Quck-scent, We are now upon an Enterprise, that will save my Life and highly advance you. For when this Business

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meferthall be well ended (as 3 queffion not but it will) the Ming will unboubtedly make you a Logo, and parbonne. By which means you may live fulendidly all pour bans, and Tenjor peace and quietnefs buring Life. Aerpect not bonour , faid the Lurcher , if 3 pleafe the Bing, and pour Life be Cabed thereby , 'tis as much as A befire. For Sir Revnardine, to tell pou the teuth . mp Cofin Light foor and I (when we beard you were conbemned to die) were extreamly troubled ; because our words innocently spoken, were the principal occasion of your Difcovery. I neber thought otherwife, quoth the For : for the gentle and courteous ulage I had from pour when taken after & fleb from Pierwood, fbeine no lefe. Aberefoge I was glad at mp beart , when 3 beard the Bing fap I fould be pour Baifoner; which I will tru ly be , till bis Maieffy thall be pleafed either to put me to death . az discharge me : the last of which & shedfaff: in hope and beliebe. for I am fure we go not aboute Sleebe-left Grrand; but go in queft of a Dreafure, that will as certainly be found, as if it were now in our own Boffeffion. Thus they Trabelled, Difcourfing for full three bans before they entred the Brobince of Long-wood. Chery Dight as they Lodged by the wan, the for would be fure to keep close to the Lurcher; and if he was at any time but any diffance from bim, be would not fail to cry out Sir Quick-fcent, where are pou? Jambere. Afing this Craft continually, the Lurcher was almost perswaded the for was moze afraid to lofe bim . than be was to lofe the for. membring the great Charge be bad from the King be berp biligently watched bim. When they were come into Longwood, near the place where the for faid his Treasure lap, Reynardine at Sun-rife in a Dozning. babing bis firft Sacrifice ready, made bis firft Circle, Cheing all things eractly as be bad told the Bing, leaft Lurcher

Anreber fould perceite bis beceit wherein be killed and affereba certain Beaft, moze like a Land-Lizard iban a Chamelion; but being frange and unknown, it was taken for a true Chamelion. In this Circle the for tap all Right; but Quick-fcent and bis Serbitoz lap mithout the Circle carefully matching bim ; who did not in the least offer to fir out of his place all the time. the Moaning befoze Sun-rife be tolb Quick-fcent that the Breat Bobbels fortune bab appeared to bim in bis bleep, bigbly panifing bis Debotion, promifing bim certain and good fuccels. . Mithal abding, as be faid , that for alone was lufficient to reffore to him bis Kreafure : but because other Gods as well as ber felf were concerned, the would not befraud them of their Bonour. Aben juft at San-rife be made bis fecond Tircle, cutting the Weriphery of the first (according to Adramand's directions, as be feigned.) In rhis Circle be offered a Cock to Mars, and quickly after went out of the Circle , but lay near it all Bight. The next Bo2ning at Day break be tolb Quick-frent be faw in bis Sleep a ftrange Wiffon ; E too Coir bants (faid be) entred the Circle, and there foundt furioufly a long time, till at length one obercame the other, and drobe him out of the Circle. Aben the Midoz remaining inthe Circle, (which I suppose was the don Mars himself y with a loud boice, calling me by my pame, faid , Reynardine, the Gods babe compation of you, and will certainly recompence all pour Devotion and Bains, with the Accomplitument of your befire. Abe Areafure bid is fate, and referbeb for yon. Dabing faib this, be dlanited, and I faw bim no moze. Aben at Sun rife, bid the for again make a third Circle, cutting the Circumference of the first , as befoze is faid ; in this. just in the Center thereof, he offered a Dobe to Venus, and immediately went out of it, not flaging to make a-

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ny feeming (oz paetenbeb) Daifons, as be was toa merty wont. Quick-fcent the Lurcher feeing this fait Sir Revnardine , bow is it that you make fuch bafte out of this Circle contrary to your former Cuffom? D Sir Quick-fcent, this Cobbefs is aimiable, chaft, and pirtuous : therefoze to flap in ber Circle would be a Crime, and might be the means to procure ber bigh bif. pleafure . and then a fo for all our Endeabours to find out my Treature. Soz the is a tuteby and angry Saint; if we displeate ber all the fat is in the fire, and all our endeavaurs would be in bain. Befides , the bath refolbed neber to comply with any one that queftions ber Mertur, oz bombte ber Chaffity ; therefoze to enter ber Cir cte, and fee tobat is done, at thefe magical moments, wberein be entertains ber moft unchaft Lovers, would be a piece of the greatest ingratitude in me, if not the bigbeft Impierp. I befeerb von good Sir Quick-fcent urge me not to be uncivil. Dor I, upon mp faith, fait the Lurcher, I was not willing to intermeddle with pour Secrets, what 3 faid, was only to fatisfie mp own Curiofity; therefore I prap be not angry good Sir Pot I upon my boneffe, quoth the for, Revnardine. 3 am to far from thinking amifs of what pou freak, that (were it lawful) I would tell pour Thoughts. What are they I wan good Cofin Reynardine quoth the Lurther? Indeed Sir to tell you the Eruth (which at this time Jam loath to Tpeak) this Goddels , tho the bath moft bemure paetenfions, is ameer Strumpet: Wulcan is ber Busband, but Mars is ber Common Bedfellow. If the be not true, 3 appeal to nil the Buets f of which there are an infinite number)that have weitten eber fince Homers time. But I pan good Cofin Q deticeni,let all that is spoken be under the Rofe : for fould . what I have now uttered be told to the great Goddels Venus, I am undone foz eber, and the Treasure we are

are now in quest of will never be found. Apon my Life faid the Lurcher, not a wood thall be fpoken to any Creature Living. So that day patting on , on the fourth day at Bunirife , be made bis fourth Circle ; Sacrificing a Serpent to Mercury: in which Circle be abobe until Sunfet, according to bis pretended Directions from Adramand. Aben bid the Lurcher ask the for bowit came to pais, that the left Dight after bis Sacrifice to Venus be had no Aifion, as the two Rights befoze be bad? To this the for Answered, Sir Quick-fecnt I had a rare and incomparable Affion , but ober-fleeping my felf this woaning , bab not time to tell it you. thus. I law fibe fine and bery beautiful Laffes enter the Circle, in which I Sacrificed to Venus; thefe Danced and Sung admirably well fog a long time ; but at laft , they all banified, except one only (which was un-Doubtedly the Goddels Venus) who in a bery pleafing and grateful manner (with alow, waill, and effeminate boice) faid, Reynardine pour Sacrifce is accepted, and we the Bobs will recompence pour Debotion wi bin three baps. Babing faid this, the allo banithed and I fato ber no moze: but I could gladly babe be: beld ber all the days of my Life, the was fo bery aimiable and delightful to took upon.

The for now knowing it was high time to cease debising feigned Histons, and to think of his own escape, told Quick-scent the Lurcher, that the next day; and all the night following, after his Sacrifice to Pluto he must spe within the sith Circle, and after that for sive Bours and sive Maures diligently watch without all the Circles, till the very place of the Areasure hould by a certain and infallible Sign be shewed to him: therefore (said he) it is time for me to give my self to rest this P ght; because I can have no time for any sound or long Sleep, till the Areasure is found a taken up. Pon freak mell bie Revnerdine, quath the Lurchernou will indeed babe need of reft : therefore neither of us will lee near pou this Dight, leafte (by talking coughing as otherwife.) me thould biffurb pott: If pour fabour me fo much: pou will bo me a pleafure, fait the for , for I would willingly now go to reft; and onthe Mozrow I will not fail to relate to you the Mifion 3 erped to babe from Mercury this Dight. Babing faid. this . the Lureber and his Berbitoz left bim, retiring : into a Cane fome Diffance from bim : because at that time it rained much. The for glad be bad fo deluded. the Lurcher, but moze especially rejoycing that so much Bain fell (fent from Foztune as be then fuperfitioully imagined) to fabour bis Cfcape, mate fpeed away, Trabelling all that Diebt as faff as be could toward the Ringdom of Zalap: where we leave bim, to refurn to

freak of Quick-feent and bis Serbitoz.

Sir Quick-fcent and big Serbitoz lay till after Sun rife the nert Boaning: foz the Carriage of the for eber fince be came out of leraria, bab been fuch, as thep did not (in the leaft) fufvert bis Falwood. But after thep went to feek bim, and could not find bim near anp of the Circles be bad made, noz in all the Mood (which was by this time indifferent well grown) the Lurcher was in great trouble and amasement, and wholly unrefolded what to be. By his fasting he could not follow bim, by reason of the great Rains that bab fallen; what Courfe to take be knew not : but after be bad confidered that the Ringdom of Zalap (through which be had formerly passed) lap nearest the place where they they then were, be concluded be was gone bither, Therefore be refolbed to run thither also in quell of the for. It was now about Roon befoge be fet fogth, and be entred into Zalap a little befoze Sun-fet, about which time be met a Arabeller alone, of whom be enquired

for furth a Verson as Reynardine. The Arabeller answered, Isaw one (without Kail or Cars) this Porning early near this place, running bastily; but because I met him, and knew him not. I took no notice which way he went: for it knined to hard, that I was glad to make all the haste home I could. Quick-scent hearing this, knew 'twould be in bain to pursue him any surther: being well satisfied that he was entred that Aingdom. Pereupon he resolved (tho with a sorrowful heart) to return into the Province of Longwood so: that Right, and afterward hasten to the Court as sail as he could. The next day he began his Journey, and the third day following arrived at the Court of Feraria greatly ashamed: homeoer he sailed not to insorm the King of all that had palled.

CHAP. XXVII.

The Kings Proclamation, promiting Preferment to him that should apprehend Requardine, encourages many Beasts to go out in pursuit of him: their Names, and how they Reason with themselves thereabout,

De King greatly troubled to find himfelf so highip affronted by the perfidiousness of Reynardine,
issues out his koyal Proclamation for apprebending him; in which great Ponours are promised to
him that shall take him and bring him alive to Court,
or a great Reward for his Pead, if there be a necessity
of killing him. The Pobles supposing this Proclamation concerned not them, stirred not; but the Commons hoping to better their Conditions, and to equalize themselves with the Pobles, were strangely tickied

led and a ected with the defire of Honour; and toa mains of them undertook this Enterprize to their unter rain. Per each of them before he fet out, fremed to well weigh and confider what he went about, and to give himtelf a Pealon why he did to. Abe Realoning of these with themselves, we will in order set down as follows.

Bir Ferox the Ayger to himself said, many of the Pobles are of my kindzed. I am therefore most like. It to take the For, whereforder I sind him. The Broclamation said be is in the Kingdom of Zal prothe Fourney it is true is long but what of that? the Honour is great. How many in the Morld have run strange and district Adventures to die Ponourably, all Distortes plainly shew. I will try what I can do as Old as I am) had I had such an Opportunity before, I had sure exough been a kord long ago, as well as the best of my Kindzed. With these vain Conceits he went in quest of the For.

Or on the Bear, kephew to the Traitoz Bruin, said to himself thus, My Anckle Bruin by his Treason hath extinguished the Robility of our Kamily, if I can retrieve what he hath lost, my Pame and the Pemozy thereof, shall be renowned to all Posserity; besides in the mean while, I shall be made a Lozd and live splendidly all my days: therefore I will go and take the

Willain Reynardine.

Corniger the Part, hearing of this Proclamation, reasoned thus with himself; Then Ponour and Preferment call so loud, who can kep his Car? Jam one of the swiften Beatls of the Horres, therefore nay (more easily than others) take the Hor whereforever I sind him: and who can tell, but that Horstone hath to me only made this great offer of Pobility; All try the Experiment with all speed.

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Tauro the Bull also resolved upon the same Journey; forthe rhought within himself thus, Surely I that am one of the Arongell Beatle of this bingdom, may trithout difficulty take that poor, weak and inconfiderable Beatle Reynarding, so soon as Jean but set Epe of him. Therefore I will not delay (for the Reward is great) to try what I can be. Paving said this, he began his

Bournepfair and foftly. It dies that

Hippus the Bosle would also undertake this new Adbenture, to himlelf saying. Kothing benture nothing
have. It is but Arabelling into the Bingdom of Zilay,
which undoubtedly will (as all Places usually do)
yield me food sufficient, and there waiting for a time,
till I can understand where he is. Knowing this, I will
go to him, and tell him if he yields not himself to be
my Prisoner. I will dath out his Brains with my Heels:
being thus terrised, he cannot choose but surrender himself and follow me. Ahen hall I be made a Lord.

wickers the Als (wiferin his own thoughts chan all others) said to himselstous, I have a proud Tohn, called Doctor wind, who distains me because of my Poverty, but now I have an Opportunity to pay him in his own Coin. How it will not be long before I shall be made a kord, and then will I look as distainfully upon him, as ever he did upon me. I am sure, tho many other stronger and abler Beasts than my self are gone in quest of the Kor, I only shall take him: for so it was signified to me in a Dream this last Pight, and all my Acquaintance know I am wont to have true Dreams. Therefore I log to be going, and think every Picute an Age, till I set out. So away jogs he

Kimo the Camel, tho he lived at his eafe in the Figireff, would need a undertake this Enterprise also, realoning with himself as follows; A have the Advantage of all other Beasts, not only because of my great Sta-

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rure, but also by reason of the length of my Neck: for if the For be elimed up a Tree, I can easily take him bown thence, or if he have hid himself in a Dit, "ris but kneeling down on the brinks thereof, and taking him up, which I can very well do. Besides all this, by the benefit of my long Legs, I can out-goall Beasis what sorber; and being able to Travel two or three days without Water, and with little food; I can rid more Ground in one day, than others can in sive or six. All which Advantages considered, I have the greatest keason of all others; to go in quest of Reynardina. Accordingly be went.

Climerock fpe Goat, Eldest Son of Wld Hircus, would have taken his Pounger Beather Ceper along with him, but his fathet refusing his Consent, he resolved to go by himself, in pursuit of the For. for (rejecting all the good Counsels his father gave him) he framed and devised frange Chymera's in his own Beain, fancying (because he could Clime and Leap well) he thousand certainly take Reynardine, and so subbenly be made a Loed; yea, he was so soolishly Dpinionative, that he imagined himself no less than a Loed, before he had set one soot sooward in his Journey, which he undersook with more basse than good speed.

Grant the Swine, Surnamed the Boar, made one among the reft; for he with himself thus Realoned: I am in stora called Swine, and filthy Beaft; and all this for a matter of nothing, only because I (by Casfample of my Predecessor) do often lay my felf down in a Muagmire; the delicacy and fostness of which Lodging, had any of them known, they would never have betrieved. But here is now an expedient offered to wipe off this Insamy. The k. by his knowl Proclemation, promises to invest with Poblity, and number among his Robles, him that can take Reynardine alive, Pa-

not I? It I lose my Labour I am where I was, and cannot be moze contemned, than now I am; but if I take the For I am made foz ever, and all my repreach will vanish as Smoak. Foz who then dares (I being Vices in a Lozd) to call me Swine, or filthy Beath? Pay, 'tis great Persons an hundred to one (after that) if it be not accounted are too often an Bonour to wallow in the mire. Aperesoze III go applauded and see what I can do: So on he went.

Pany other Bealls (without discretion, being altogether unable to seize the For if they hould seehim) would needs go out on the same Trrand, to their great presudice, as hall be thewed. Brocket the Badger (Reynardines secret Friend) went in this Troop, not so much desiring to take, as to see Reynardine, that he might prebent his being taken by others, as he afterward old.

But Quick-scent the Lurcher, after he had obtained Licence from the King, went out in pursuit of Reynardine not excited by hopes of obtaining the promised Reward, but spurred on by desire of Revenge upon the For, who had so basely deluded him. Hoz before he went, he made a solemn Mow to the Bing, not to return to Court, till he had himself taken Reynardine alive or dead; or should certainly know he was taken or killed by others.

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The Misfortune that befel the Pursuers of Regnardine, after they came into the Kingdom of Zalap, &c. The Ass takes the Fox; but is himself taken and made a Slave.

12 the mean while all the Burfuers made what haffe they could in their Journey, firibing who thould first enter Zalap. Cach of them feared bis fellow hould babe fight of him first; therefoze they all dispersed themfelbes several ways, every one choosing that way be best fancied. The for who erpected to be purfued, faw mas np of them; but durft not thew himfelf to any, until be espied Brocker the Badger, to whom be thus spake, Sir Brocket, Dp Dlo friend, Jam berp jopful to fee pou. Jam no less glad I babe found pou, Sir Reynardine, quotb the Badger, but are pou sensible of the Danger pou are in ? Bere are a great number Beafts ent. tred this Kingdam in queft of pou, wbom if thep take and carry alibe into Feraria, they thall be highly keward. ed; and be that alone takes you and carries you alibe to Court, is promifed no less than a Lording: if be cannot take pou alibe , be thall habe a great Becompence for pour Bead prefented to the King. Iknow pou map escape all these well enough, if you be careful; but bow or which way you will evade Quick-foint (who is more than all pour other Burfuers) I cannot tell. know your Lodging. I will divert them from you as well Aben did the for after great thanks giben to the Badger , few bim bis Lodging. Bereupon thep agreed where to meet every Dight, then the Badger left bim, and the remainder of that day and every day after,

he carefully waited for the coming of some of the purfuers, whom he always directed further and further from the for, till they all fellinto one danger or other; as hall be thewed in particulars as follows.

Ferox the Ayger was by him fent to near to a Country Tillage, that all the Tillagers were up in Arms against him; but he stoutly defending himself, and the Rownsmen being afraid, escaped with Life, tho wounded in the Ahigh, with an Arrow shot at him. This Mound probed so griebous to him, that he Cursed the day of hissering out, and hasined all he could out of that Kingdom; resolving never more to pursue the For:

to home be went limping as fast he could.

Orfon the Bear was fent another way, but be either miffaking the Directions the Babger gabe, og through bis own Careleineis , entring a field infread of a Lane (through which be thould have passed) disturbed the feaft of feben oz eight Shepherds fat down to Dinner, with their Dogs by them. The Shepherbs and their Dogs affault the Bear, who befends himfelf as well as be can, At length Orfon fozely bitten, and extreamly worried-with the Dogs, laid himfelf down as breath-The Shepherds feeing this, called off their Dogs and immediately put a King into bis Snout ; by which, after they had mugled his mourh, they (with the help of a Rope) tied bim to a Tree; where after they had ended their Dinner , they left him till towards Dight. Then they fold the Bear to acertleman that kept him foz his pleasure to be Baited with Dogs as often as he pleafed : So that be libed a miferable Life, woafe than death it felf.

Corniger the Part, having broke into a Park, was found by the Reeper, amongst other Parts, and Punt-

ed to Death in a few days after.

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Tauro the Bull had no better fortune: for he was found fighting with a Bull of that Countrey, had a Rope call about his Pozas, was Baired with Dogs,

and then fold to a Butcher.

Hippus the Pozle sped not soill; yet he (being a Stray, as they call beast without an Owner) was taken up foz the Kings use, who kept him among his Chariot hozses, where he was well used (tho a Slave) all the days of his Life.

Kamo the Camel had the same fortune, not to be flain; but made a Slave he was, and confirmined to car-

rp beaby Burtbens as long as be libed.

Chimeroek the Goat sped worse than these: for he was taken among an Perd of Goats of that Countrey, and was (by the Goatherd soon after) singled out with some few others to be sain by the Butchers Unife.

Grunt the Swine underwent the same sate, tho in another manner: for Squire Careleis the Prodigal (Reynardine's Paster, as the next Chapter shews) with his Dogs, and other Companions of his, being gone forth and hunting, met him; at the sight of whom they were greatly amazed, saying, Pere's a Unid Boar! what shall we do? Careles the Prodigal said, be of good Cheer Hirs, I'll warrant you we kill him. So they a Tailed the Boar, who soutly defended himselstong, killed some of the Dogs, and hurt one of the Yen; but at length, being run through with a Boar-spear, which one of the Company had, he was quickly after killed. His dead body the For to his great content, saw it carried into his Pasters Litchin.

The other inferior Beafts that came in pursuit of the for, were most of them killed for their bkins or fleth; some few only escaped to carry the Pews in-

to Feraria.

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Wirlefs the Als, the Badger bad not biretted to go ano whither . but let him range where he pleafed , judging it impoffible be thouldeber take the for. Det in this be was millaken, for the Als wandzing be knew not whither , came by chance to the Bate of the Back-Court Pard of Squire Carolefs his Balace: where rub: bing bis Deck , be with bis Beat thauff open the Bate. and then efpied Reynardine taft afleep in the Sun-fhine. To him be went foftly , and feiged bim , pzetently carrping bim out of the Bate. The for knowing be was taken, was furpaised with ertream fear and amasement ; but after be perceibed in whole Cuffody be was, he was the better fatisfied, and spake to the Afs as follows. Sir Wirlefs . I am now where I would be. thanks to our great Boddels fozeune who bath now fully answered my Requests : for being weary of my Life , and knowing well fo man pfierce and uncivil Beafts of mp own Countrep, were come out in pursuit of me, Jalways befired to fall into pour Bands, and be bp pou taken. Surrender me felf I burft not, for fear of my other Burfuers, who will certainly (if they meet us) refcue me out of pour Cuffody, and murther pou (to be fure) to babe the Bonour promifed to themfelbes. I fato pou coming towards the Bate, which I prefently unbolted befoge pou came near, that pou might eafilp thouft in pour Bead, and feeing me, feige me as pour Baifoner. I bib indeed feign my felf afleep , becaufe I feared . if you found me in any other posture, you would suspect I bad fome befign to daw you into a Snare ; and fo being, as you are bery wife and circumfost) warily efchew the danger, and I by that means be fruffrated of my bope. The Afs bearing this Lying Stopp, all which be beliebed as moft true , faid , Sir Reynardine , pou hall neber babe Caufe to repent pour being mp Baifoner; for I will use you so well, as if you were my own Boos ther.

ther. I beliebe no lefs, faid the for, but babe pour well confidered . Sir Witles, bow I thall be kept alibe all thefe feben days we have to Travel into Feraria. Foz the Lourney will not be ended in lefs, tho we go the nearest way as I am fure we shall, if you will be informed by me, who know all the nearest, most private, and best wars into our own Countrep. Indeed Sir Revnardine. quotb the Afs. I did not confider that; but I fuppofe rou know bom to paobide foa pour felf. Erue Sir, faid Reynardine, 300 fo. And to tell poutbe truth, babe already probided enoub to ferbe me all the Tourney: but it is at leaft eight oz ten furlongs off this place. where my Waobifion lies readpipackt up in a Maller. commodieus enough foz pou to carry, if pour Mozifip will be pleafed to take the Wains. The Pains! faid the Als, doubt not that , I will do any thing that may baffen our Journep : foz I think eberp Minute a Pear, befoge I fall come into Fereria, and there be made a Load, as I hall now fure enough. Aberefoze good Cofin Reynardine, go ferch pour Mallet, that we may proceed in our Journey with speed. So on they went, the for marching by the Affe's fibe for a Dile or more. until they came to the Bales of a great Bark. the for faid. Sir Wirleis, look ober thefe Bales, fee pou nor an Bill close by? Des, quotb the Afs. faid Reynardine, on the further fide in a dap Cabe firmtyclosed, lies my Mallet. I with you could go with me thither, for I am loath to leave you; but there is no Waffage for pou into the Wark, unlefs we go twento furlongs about. It is but a float cut thither, and I hall return prefently, if pour Morthip be pleafed to gike me leave to go without pou. Apzetbee bo, quoth the Als. I bate delaps. So the for went through an bole of the Wales, glad be had to deluded the Als. the mean while the for being gone, the Ars to himfelf thus fpake. D Bzeat

m Breat Bodbels fortune, bow infinitelp am 3 bolind to ferbe you! who negleding the greateft pobit deft and firongeft Beafis of the foreft baft conferred this great benefit on me, the bumbleft and weakeft (tho in truth the wifeft) of them all. 120m halt ebery one Imeet call me Load Wirlefs. Doto my paoud Cofin Dr. Aino will, fo foon as I enter the foarest (like a bafe Sprophant as beis) congratulate my bappy return . faving , Jamglas to fee pour Lordibip , boping pour Lordfbip'is in good bealth, and the like: but T'll fee him choakt e're I will take a bit of Wholick of bim. Dp thinks Talready bear mp felf called, the Bonoura: ble Load Wicles, who did moze by his Bolicy, than all the Burfuers of Reynardine could bo by their ffrength. Andoubtedly they will also say, bad I not been bery wife (as I well know I am) it bad been impossible foz me to take fo fubrile and crafty a Wolitician as Reynardine, who bad deceived the King bimfeff, the wifest of all Animals at this day living. The Afscontinued this bain Crukation, untit be thought Rev nardine's ablence oper redious : then with a loud boice be faid. Revnardine, Reynardine, baffen quickly and come away! But tho Re wardine beard bim not, a certain Moodman (who was went upon the Backs of Affes to carry Wood to fell) beard bim well enough, and (because be under: flood not the Language of Beraria) be called bis Speech. Beaping. Abis Moodman bad long waited to find this Arange Afs, of whom he bad been told be manp; but now, by bis Moice Directed to the place where he mas. being come) ready provided with an Balter to take bim) bery near him , the Als bad fcarce endedhis fecond Call to Reynardine before the Moodman's Balten was about bis Deck. This rude Affault the Als rook in great fcoan. for his (imaginary) Lordhip took it for no less than a very high Affront, which be would have revenged pie-Cently,

Tently, had not the Moodinan prevented that, by belabouring him toundly with a Cudgel. The Als feeling the Guart of the Blodds, would fain have broke his Palter, but rould not: for maugre all he could bo, be was forced to go with the Moodinan, who tied him fast to a Cree until Night.

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Wirtes the Asse's Discourse with his Fellow Asses. He runs away, is retaken. He carries Wood into Squire Careles his Palace; is upbraided by the Fox,

Den did be dzibe bim bome with fibe other Affes be bad befoze. To all thefe fibe, as they came into bis Serbice , be had giben Dames . bo in wich be called them ever after. The first he called Stare The fecond Day Whe third Col. The fourth Wit. The fifth Daone. And Wintels (now the firth) be named Mat. When they were all come bome, the Moodman put them all together into one Stable where mas Stron enough, but berplittle Bap. This kind of Food Witleis the Afs , tho bungry , would not touch . Dis Fellows obferbing this , faid , Brother Tar , becaufe pou are a Stranger we leave the Bay to you. Stram will con: tent us berp well. Tat Answered not , noz would be est. Gron this, Drone fpake to bim thus, Sir Tat, Wiben A firft became a Stabe to our Bafter , 3bid fis pou now do) forbear to eat my meat thefirft 12 obt a but A fozely repented it the nert dap. Mo fecond this State spake as follows, I was fo filly as to do to too at first : nap I thought my felf utterly undone when I came fieft to

to Serbice. But ferbing to good a Mafer I now think mp felfin a bery bappp Condition. To what Stare bad faid, all the other allented, commending their Maffer highly. Then faid Tat, Isuppose you mere all boan Slabes. Ro, fap they, we were not boan Slabes ; but the Pantbat can firft mafter any of us . makes him bis Slabe for ever , unlefs be be pleafed to fell bim to ano: ther. As moft of us babe been fold to feberal Wafters , of all which, him we now ferbe is certainly the beft. for faid Kol . Arstrue , in Summer time none of our Bin can want food, what Mafter foeber thep ferbe; becaufe ebery Bank pields Abiffles, and ebery Lane (not to mention the fields we often pals through) bath Bafs growing moze oz lefs, befibes other good Berbs fit for Beat. But alas when Minter comes many of them are eben farbed, and I may truly fay are too often back beaten, as well as bellp beaten. for the Wen of this Countrey take us to be filly inconfiberable Affes, fuch as they may use as they please; nay 3 bare to fap. fome of them think it no greater Sin than to kill one of us.than itis to kill a fige. But our Mafter is of a contrary mind. Abenfoeber any of us are Sick / tho that but feldom be) be prefently leads us to a Leech, who gibes us a Dzench , and we are cured. Af in the bead of Minter , we habe eaten up all our floze, our good Mafter carefully probides for us, er (to fpeak mere properly) teacheth us both to provide for our felves. foz if there be any Babifion in the Countrey, far oz niab, we that be fure to have our part. I well remember this berg laft Minter , in a berp cold franp fea: fen , when all our floge was eaten up , our Baffer called us all tegether, and bid us follow bim: then did be lead us about feben furlongs from this place, to a bery fair Stack of Bay, commanding us to fall too; and whilf we were eating be loaded every one of us with Œ as

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as much Man as hoe twere able to carry. When this Droze was frent , and moze Bay to be got with fafety a. no lobere a imbrhe Spring not per fully come on , be directed us to a low shatcht Boufe, in which no boby binelt : mith this Abarcho we libed, till bard weather broak. Abat of all this, quoth Tat, how good forber be bath been to pour Jam fure be bath bone me the greateff Iniury, that ever was bone by Wan to any Creature. Hoz when he to pudelo and with biolence feised ine . I was callingupon one Revnardine mp Baifoner, tobom I fould babe carried inte mp own Countrep, and then (fo foon as I came there) have been mabe a Lo.b. D the thoughts of this Loadhip is even ready to break my beart. But Til run awap with all fpeed, whenfoeber this Baifon boga is opened. As be faid, fe be bid the next Mozning. Foz being not tied, whereas bis Was fier thought be bad left him tied . be ment out with the other Affes, who flood fill to have their Wack fadles put on but be ran away as faft as be could, Dis Bafler miffing bim., foon ran after, and babing ober-took bim . bang'd bim foundle. Then be beought bim back . laddled bim, led bim into the Blood with the reft, and loaded him firft ofail. 10002 Wirleft (note Tar) could not endure any moze to think of his fupposed Lozdthip; for by efifting bis Slabery be mabe it the woole. being continually bearen if be feemed unwilling either to be loaded on to carry bis load. After theee or four days the Moodman loaded all his Affes with allood to carry to Squire Careles bis Walace. When they came there. Tai being the laft in ogber, was laft to be un-Dim the for efpied in bis Baffers pard with loaded. his burthen of Mood on his back, therefore coming bere near . be faluted bim thus . Bonourable Lozd Witlefs I am glad to fee pour Leabhins Meffure fo folendid. ip embelifed with the trueft Emblems of pour Mobili-

tp. I babe feen many Pobles, but none like pour Loadthip. I perceibe according to the Art of Beraulday Bour Bonours Coat Arms muft needs be the Buckfaddle and bundle of fagots, field derd, emblason's mith Balters and Birts. So Roble a Coat none of pour Lozdibips Anceftozs couldeber pretend to. The Als bearing himfelf thus nouted by him, who was (as he thought) the fale accasion of bis blabery. refolbed to kill bim if politile. But as be ran tomarks the for . intending to trample bim under his feet, be bake bis Birts, bown fell big Mood, and the for ran away laughing. Dis Wafer leeing this. baffned to bim . and in a great rage beat bim more than ever be had bone at any one time befoge. So the poor Als was confirmined to bear both Slavery and Derifion, for bis afpiring to Bonour too fulls lime for bis Capacity.

After this Brocket the Badger knowing well that all the Bursuers of Reynardine, were either killed, ned home, or made Slaves, except only Quick-scent the Lurcher, whom he had sent to the further part of the Kingdom, from whence he supposed he would never come, took his leave of the Kar, and returned into Feraria,

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Remardine's manner of Life in the Kingdom of Zulap. His Taking by Quick front the Lurcher.

The for efeaping from Quick-fcent the Lurcher as is abobe thewed (in the 26th Chapter) and coming into the Bingbom of Zalap, well knew he could not cately there libe , without being either killed az taken foz a Slave. Therefoze be purpofed mith all foceb to put bimfelfinto fome Wentle man's berbice. and with bim to make as good terms for his Liberty as he could. Accordingly be went directly to the Boufe of one Squire Careles (which Doufe feemed to bim a flate: In Walace, and it was by Men called the Squire's Blace) who took great belight in Pobelties, and to entertain firance Beaffs . many of which be at that time kept. authen the Source fato the for, be asked bim of what Countrey be was ? De Answered,be was bean in Feraria , but by reafon of bis great Enemies be burft no longer dwell there. What is the Dame, faid the Squire. Dp Rame Sir, quoth the for, is Revnardine, and I came bither purpofely to entreat your alloghi es Batzonage, that I may libe fafely without fear of them that feek mp Life. But faid the Squire, What canft thou de towards a Libelphood ? Thabe too many tofced alreaby , that live idly and do nothing. Sir all I request of pour Lordhip (faid the for) is only a day Lodging. and mp Liberty to go in and out, as Ifee Decalion, efpecially in the Dight. If thele be granted me . 3 mall be fo far from wanting food of my own probiding, that I wall be in a Capacity now and then, to prefent your Mozhip with a couple of Ducks , a fat Goofe, Capon, poung

poung Mabbets , Bullets , Chickens , oa the like. All that I want at prefent is only my Dinner this day, afterward I mail need no further Allowance from pour Mozfip. Squire Carelefs, glad to bear bis nem Serbis tor thus fpeak , prefently called for bis Buntfman , commanding him to feed Reynardine among his Bounds Abe Buntiman obered, but the Bounds at fiabt of the for were all in an Appoar; pet after be was removed to eat bis meat further off, that Aumult ceafed. So the for came no moze in fight of the Bounds. foz be needed not ; becaufe bis Wafter bad ozdered febe: ral fecret Waffages to be made under the Malls (that enclosed bis Court Pards. Warden and Dechard) fo that be could go in and out at his pleature, day or night. The Court Bards were befoze and behind the Boufe. and the Barden and Dachard of each fide. Bere the for lived lafely (ercept bis being taken by the Als) until all his Burfuers, fabe Quick-scent only, were taken. flain oz fed; and foz fome time after ; till bis Baffers ertream Boodigality confrained bim to break up Boufekeeping, and fip to aboid the furp of his Creditors. All the other Beafts that Squire Careles bad kept were dibided among bis Creditors : and bab not Reynardine escaped by one of the before-mentioned fecret Bastages, be had been fbared among the reft.

This Disaster happening; the For was now at a Pon-plus, and knew not what to do, till he called to mind that not far off lived a wretched Covetous Fellow, who was in derision called Gzipe the Hiler. The House he lived in was little, Old and much out of Repair. A true de-Garden he had none, but the Gzound that layround his Cription of a Pouse was let out to others. Two small yards he had, Niggard. one befoze and the other behind his Pouse, according to the Custom of that Countrep. Here he lived like

an Bog in a brye , without a Serbant: Joz he burf not keep any, because of the Charge. De would baubae like a Slave, and pincht his own Belly to fabe his soo. nep , but was Blutton-like wben inbited to anothers Mable. Ho this goodly Mafter the for refolbed to pae: fent bis Serbice, not boubting but that bis own Thefts would be bigbly acceptable to fo great a Thief, There. fore waiting bis Doportunity, be went to bim into bis Bard , and thus fpake : Reberend Sir , 3 am a poez Stranger in Diffress ; and moze be would babe faib. but Gripe the Wifer interrupted bim . faving . Mihatis that to me? Thence come pou , and tobere libed pour laft ! To this the for answered , bir I laft lived with Squire Careleis. Ab! quoth Gripe, and becaufe pou belp'd to unde that Prodigal Kafcal, therefore pou intend to endeabour my undoing allo; away Discreant. get pou gone , og 3'll fend you packing. Bap bir bear me one wood, faib the for , and I will go as foon as you pleafe. Mell, fpeak on, faid Gripe. To this the for faid : Sir I neither receibed food noz Mages of my Mafter Careles; all that I had of him was only his Watertion within his Malls, and alittle Bobel to lie in ; foz which I made bim fatisfaction moze than twenty fold for almost every Dight I brought bim in either a Rabbit 02 two . 02 an iben . 02 a Cock . 02 elfe a Capon , oz a Bullet , oz two oz three Chickens, and commonly once in two or three days a fat Goofe . and Ducks often. But after I confidered bow riotoully and profulely be frent all , I was not a little troubled , that I hould take pains for fuch a Spend-thrift. ever, being a Stranger, and not knowing where to better mp felf, I boze all patiently, till be baoke and run away. Aben bearing of your great Abaifrinels, 3 thought it better to offer mp Serbice to pou, than to as ny other. This bir, was the only reason that moved me

to come to pou. Don fpeak well, faid Gripe. That is the Dame. De Dame Sir, quoth the for, is Reynar- Coverons dine. And pou faib Gripe, befire to ferbe me upon the Perions reafame Account , as you ferbed that Roome Careleis. Des dily embrace Sir . faib Reynardine , but I requeff I map be Lodged any unjuft ingour Back Pard, and that I may have Waffage made Courle, for under the Bales to the field ade, that I may go out and accomplishin as Afee Decafion ; and then on the Back fibe of pour ends Boufe babe alfo another Waffage into fome one room . to lay up the Baobition I bring in. You hall, faid Gripe, babe all pou can befire. Ababe an Bobel ready for pour on that fibe , and the Ballages pou require that be made . this day to your content. Mill you flap now you are bere, 02 come again annon? To this the for antwered, Sir mp greateff banger of being furpzised by mp Enemies is in the dap time, at Dight Jam fecure: therefoze I request I map be Lodged paelently in the Bobel pou freak of. It that I be fo . fail Gripe, come in Revnardine. Sothe for went through the Boufe into the Back-Pard to take pollettion of bis new Lodging : and at Right had bery industriously fiele for his new Walter a good fat Boofe. Mibich, when Gripe fat in the Mozning, be was operjoved and after be bad commended Reynardine foz bis Theft , be pulled off the feathers, and carried it to Market. Foz bis Coverounels would not fuffer bim to baefe and ent it. Bere the for liveb abobe four Bonths, by all bis diligence fcarcely fatis: fping the abarice of bis greedy Mafter. Mith Squire Careleis be bad libed near three Bonths, During which time of feben Wonths oz moze, Quick-fcent the Lurther had Travelled all the Kingdom ober in queft of the for ; escaping the danger of Slabery by bis Swiftness of foot only.

Row the Lurcher Defpairing eber to find the for. was contribing bow to get out of the Kingdom, and to return to the Monaftery of Manton: foz be refolued (ac: coading to bis How made to the Ring) no moze to mo into Feraria. But whilft be was in this mind, and onwards of his Journey thirberward , it was bis han (juff about bigb Roon) to lie down to reft bimfelfclafe by the Wales of that Dard, wherein Reynardine's Lobas ing was. Bere be bad lain long befoze be efpied the for coming out of his Wafters boule, and plainly fam bim (with meat in bis mouth) go into bis own Lodging. Abis fight greatly rejopced Quick-fcent , who had thoughts of feising the for paelently; but fearing that attempt' would be too basarbous in the day time . be beferred it till Dight. Aberefoze well oblerbing the place. be went into the nert allood, and there reffet bimfelf all that Afternoon: When Digbt came be returned again , and leaping over the Bales, went bireals to the Bobels where Reynardine bad been; but was gone out befoze be came. Bere be law foz fome time . till the for returned, who fulpetting nothing, carried what he had got into bis Baffers Boule, and made baffe out again. Dim the Lurcher faw, but would not take bim whilft in the pard , fearing banger that was not. After the for was gone out into the field , Quickfcent purfued, and foon obertook bim, whom he haffi: ly feiging , as baffily carried away ; the for crying out. but all in bain.

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CHAP XXXI

Reynardine's fruitless entreaties to be dismissed by Quickfcent. Ferox the Tyger rescues Reynardine, and contrives the death of Quick fcent; but he escapes, and hastens to the Court in Feraria, &c. The Tygers Oration, who carries the Fox Brisoner to the Court.

T 7 Ben bap light appeared, and the for well perceived in whose Custoby be was, be began to intreat the Lurcher thus, Sir Quick-icent, I know I am but bead . if you carry me into Feraria. I am heartily foarp 3 beinded pon fo (as 3 bid in Longwood; but it was the fear of Death confirmined me to to Att. If now you will be pleafed to bear me , I can thew you the great Inconveniency of pour enjoying the honour and title of a Lozd in our Countrey. I will bear pou Reynardine (fait Quick-teent) but be brief . for we muft baffen our Journey. Aben the for fpake thus. The Robles of Feraria bo generally all bate each other. The reason of this I suppose is, because they all (except the Bings own family | poffefs not their Bonour and Tirle bp Inberitance, as in other Ringboms, but are advanced and depreffed at pleafure of the Ring. For in mp rememenibance almost all the Bobles babe been changed : but that great change had not happened to all at once, bab it not been foz mp fathers Confpiracp a: gainft the Bing. Det badthat neber been, by mutual batreds they would all bebe loft their honours , perhaps befoze their Deaths abut after Death to be ture) their Sons might roffels their Mealth, but not their Honour. Therefoze if thep (being all Datibes of the fame Kingbom) because they enby each other, can any one of them.

them , as be gets the bings Car , Deprefs bis fellow Lozb, as is baily feen; what fafety in fo flippery a Station . can pou expect that are a Stranger? 3 tell thee, Reynardine (faid the Lurcher) I babe not taken all thefe Bains . frent fo many Wonths time , and run fo many bangerous Abbentures to make my felf a Load, but on-Ip to perform my Mord and Mow to your King to be my urmon to apprehend you, and bring you to Court, az neber moze return in o Feraria. Dog babe 3 maliciouf. lp . 02 foz Bebenge , fo earneffly Burfued pou . but on: In to recome my loft erebit, and for the end aforefaib. Eberefoze 3 can moft frulp fap, if the Bing will parbon pou toben we come to Court, I thall be beartily glad. 3 bumbly thank you Bir Quick-feent (faid the For) for the good will pou babe towards me, the 3 deferbe pour utmoff batred. Det bir , if at this tin e pou will fate my Life , 3 wiff be pour Stabe as long as 3 libe. This you map be without breach of pour Bow. Bold Reynardine , fato Quick-fcent , pou are greatly mitta-I Clowed if I found pou (as now I babe bone). to carry you into Feraria, and fo to Court. Mbis 3 am refolbed to perform; but when I come there, I will to what in me lies to obtain pour Bardon. In the mean while let's batten on our Journey, in which if you offer to escape, 3 will maime pou, not kill you, but carry you a Criple to Court. Whilf be was thus fpeaking. Corbant the Rook fitting upon a lofty Cime very near. plainly beard their Discourse, and as plainly fato the for in the Lurchers Cuftody. Aberefoze the (being a great blab ofber Monque, and also bating Reynardine) rejoyceing greatly at what the bad feen and beard . halfned by the belo of ber Wings with all speed possible into Feraria, and fo into the forreft; where the failed not to tell ber Errand to Ferox the Apper (as to a Werfon at note) who promifed ber a large Mecompence, if the mould. mould fan no more of it, till be bimfelt bad taken the for, and brought bim to Court. Bereupon the patfed ber bogo to keep Silence in expectation of the promifed Reward. But the bad talked to foud to Ferox, and be to ber (becaufe the was upon a Aree, when thep bab this Conference) that many others as well as themfelbes beard what was faid. Thefe other Beafts foon entertained the fame thoughts of going foats to meet the Lurcher, and take his Waifoner from him, as Ferox the Apger bad conceibed. So all went out, tho feberal ways , about the fame Grrand. Cach of them in: tending to Capplant bis fellow, pet all faid they would affift each other against Ferox the Apper. and circumbent him if pollible. But the Apger paebented all their bain Endeavours, getting firft into the Probince of Longwood, where he met the Lurcher and his 1821: foner, within half a baps Journey of the Bingbom of Feraria. Then be came near to them . be imperiously commanded Quick-fcent to beliber up the for to bim. Quick-feent the Lurcher obeped. becaufe be burft do no other. Abe for finding this change of Reepecs, was glab: for be now boped affurebly to make bis efcape in the Dight. But this bis bope was fruftrated by the coming in of thefe other Bentis befoge fpoken of, who (as they had before agreed) refolved to fight the Truer. and feise Raynardine to themlelbes. Det their refolution was fo disjounted, that there only of the fouteft affailed Ferox , the reftifieod by as Lookers on. During this Combate, the for had certainly efcaped, bab not Quick-feent hept a watchful Cre upon bim. and as be ran away prefently feiged bim. Ferox the Tyger in the mean while (the old be was) made frift to kill two of his Alfailants, fparing the Life of the third. upon bis promifeifeoretione will On ch-fecht the Lutcher, in whole Guttobube lite for again was. Bus

But the Lurcher immediately after the fight was ended, returned the for to bin new Reeper the Apger, who feignedto thanked bim foz bis Care, which be was refeined to requite with Qnickfcene's ruin, the berein be was greatly beceibed. Saz be that bab undertaken to ktil the Enreber , com municated his intent to another, tobol promifing his Affiftance gabe Quick-feent morice of this delign against bis Life. The Lureber (as was Benfon) beliebing this Information , fied away early in the Chening , br. foze the bour came, in which be fould babe been murdered, and in less than two dans time arribed pribately at the Court in Feraria ; pet the web not bimfelf to the" Ming, until the third day in the Boaning. Then be in: formed his Bajeffy, both bow be had taken the for and bow be was referred and taken from him by Ferox the Apger's baughty Command, which be burft not but of bey : but fpake not of the Tyger's befign to murther bim. because he feared be mould have no Witness; also be thought, freing the Apper was fo bold to take away bis Wartoner, and by other Berfons contribe bis Death. be would not flick to murther thefe, whom he bad im: plagen to murther bim ; that no Rales might be tolb. As be thought, to it was in effect; for when he that though babe killed Quick-form, was difappo a red of his purpofe. and rold by bim, whom be had made paivy to this befign. that the Lurcher was fled; be very foolistly boping faz a Reward from the Apger, ran baffilp to him and faid. Pable Sir Ferox, I babe executed your Command, and buried your Enemy in a Wir too beep to be Discovered by any. Dereupon the Apger prefently killed bim, as be befoze intended. This Wurder was committed befote Sun-rife. Bot long after the Epger calling all the Company together, by whom the for bad been all the Dight fufficient ly guarded, be fpake to them thus Dirs. 111

birs . Jam willing to let pou underftand , that Quickfcent the Lurcher (like a perfibious Stranger) bath bafely forfaken us , tho to bim the Care of fecuring the Waifoner was left; as pou may very well know by peflerdaps mozk , when Reynardine (feeing me ingaged in fight mirb thofe three Chilains that affaulted me arremp. ted to escape, but was prebented and fecured by the Lurcher. I to eale bim; both befoge and after that . took charge of the Waifoner mp felf until laft Dight. when I committed bim to pour Care. Dow babing earto this Mouning receibed true Intelligence, that one of those three Affaffinates (whose Life & pederdap fpared) confpired with that faile Wifcreant . Quick-icent, to let the Baifoner at liberty, rather than I would have the Bonour promifed for bis Apprehenfion . for that Caufe Tiuffly flew bim , as be Deferveb. Therefoze 3 command you all (in the Bings Dame) not to entertain any familiarity with Quick-feent, if he hould come near you, by Day og by Wight, till we thall babe ended our Journey: and always be biligently careful, that the Baifoner efcape not. fortbat Berfon that permits bim to elcape, fall certainly fuffer for bin. Dahing faid this , be led them forward, and the fourth bay (a little after Moon) be brought the for Beitoner to the Court.

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CHAP. XXXII.

Ferex the Tyger, hoping to obtain the Honour promifed for apprehending the Fox, is shamefully repulsed, Quick feent the Unreher is Honoured by the King.

At in the way thitberward, Feroxthe Tyger told the For if he would befoze the Bing acknowledge bim (and not Quick-fcent the I urcher , oz anp other) to be the only Berlon, by whom he was apprehended, be would ufe bis inetref with the Pobles , to intercede with the Bing for the labing bis Life. Reynardine the For bearing this , the be bad no reason to believe, bope og except parben, by any Interceffian whatfoeber; pet that in the remainder of his Journey, be might be the better uled; be promiled fo to bo. Then they came to Court , and the King beard thereof, be commanded the for thould be fecured in the Common Jail , and Ferox the Apper come to him on the Borrow. Accordingly the for was carried to Baffon , and there laid in I rons for bis better fecuring. In the mean while the Ring fpake to Quick-fcent, who was partily concealed in Court, commanding bim, tocontinue bis retirement, and not bew bimleifto any one belonging to the Court. till be would call for bim on the Porrow to confront bim with Ferox the Apger : whole ambitious Rature the Bing well knew. Therefoze be was glad of this Dp: postunity to check bim feberely, to put an end (if polfible) to bis afpiring thoughts. On the Bogrow, two bours beteze Boon, the A pger failed not to go to Court. for be was in mighty balle to obtain the Bonour be bad nor telerbed. The Bing bearing be was come, commanded be foculd be brought into bis prefence. maben tbere.

there, the King faid , Sir Ferox , pott babe bere bone us a notable piece of Berbice in apprehending Reynardine that peffitent Araitos. Four firlt attempt of this Pature toas not fo fuccefsful as this; page tell me bow, where and when you took him? For Jam told it is not abobe eight og ten days fince pou went laft out of the fog: reft. Bere the Apger after Dbeplance mabe, fpake as follows, Gzeat Sir, as it is most true according to pout Dajeffies woods) that my first attempt was without fuccels; foit is no lets true, that this laft bab better fuccefs than I bib expect, or hope to babe. For in the first I was befperately Mounded by the Ben of Zalap, and confirmined to return bome , re infecta , but this ercited in me a moze eager beffre of re-gaining mp loft Cre-Dit boa fecond Abbenture; efpecially when Junberflood boto many bad loft their Libes and Liberties , whilft they attempted to find and apprehend this Araitoz. Aberefoze to foon as I bad recovered my full Strength, after the healing of my Mound ; 3 was ertreamly belirous to make this fecond Arpal; pet not in ... the least promiting to my felt to tpeedy an Attainment of the withed end. for I no fooner had fet foot upon the Bozders of the Ringdom of Zalap, but Jespied Reynardine running befoze me ; therefoze I fpeedilp pur= fued, and foon opertook bim. Then the Bing faid . The was with you when you took the For? 3 am told a great Company came bome with you pefferdap. It is true Breat bir , faid the Apger , I bad Company enough , and moze than I defired , not befoze , but after the Baifoner was taken , three of whom let upon me in the way, to have refrued the for (as it plainly appeared afterward) but in fighting with thefe I killed too of them. and pardoned the third. This third Berfon in great requital of my kindnels, conspired with Quick-feent the Lurcher (who was also in the Companp)

np) to fet the Baifoner at Liberty, purpofely to Depaine me of the Bonour promifed in pour Baiefties Brocla. marion. This coming to my Car, I quickip took bim. I bad befoze parboned and pur bim to beath (as be juftip beferbed) leaft be fould combine with athers to effeet the fame : for I well knew that Quick feent mac feb. Zubitber bib be fie, faib the Bing? I know not. quotb the Arger. Then (fait the Ring) 3 00. Jos be fled birber . for fear of foul play from pou. as I babe De thail be called, and now good reason to suspect. then we will bear what you can both lap. At the fe woods of the King , the Apger was extreamly amaged : toz he fuppofed Quick-scent bab been murthered; but now finding himfelf beceived be knew not what to do . 02 fap : all be could think of was flourly to deny all that the Lurcber thould aftirm, and to appeal to the for's Mefimony for Confirmation of bis own feigned pretenfi-The Lurcher being called, quickly came into the Kings prefence. Ho bim the King faid, Quick-scent I am bery much miftaken if you did not tell me, that you pour felf took Reynardine in the midit of the Bingbom of Zalap. Bere is now Sir Ferox, who took the for from pou (as pou fap) but (as bimfelt faith) firft found bim, and faw not you not any other, till after the for was his Baifoner. Poutook bim in the midft of the Bingdom, be in the bery Boader of the fame. Bow do thefe two Males bang together, one of you muft be a Liar, oz elle , after you bad lon bim, Sir Ferox found bim , what can you fay to this? Bzeat Sir, faib Quickfcent , I told pour Bajeffp nothing but the fruth. 3 took Remardine in a Caplage about the mitdle of the Ringdom, and wirb bim Erabelleb bard i bo Daps and a balf : until we were entred three or four Furlongs within the Banbince of Longwood : There Dir Ferox the Apger nerus, and bery imperioully (as if be bad come

tome in pour Majeffies fame) commanded me to furrender ing Brifoner. 3 Did fo , and when be bad conducted bim fozward about fibe og fir furlongs moge (not a full Wile I bare fap) there met bim about twen: ty or thirty Beafts of feveral families, three of which affailed bim in my figbr. Whilft be was combating with there (two of which he killed upon the foot , and gabe the third bis Life at his request) the for bad certainly escaped, bad not I bery carefully look't to bim; fog be began to run, but I foon ober took bim; and when the fight was ended, pielded bim up to bir Ferox again. Abat Dight after this, feeing Buard fufficient about the Bailoner, and also suspecting my own fafety . I mabe baffe bitber to infoam pour Bajeffp of Merp good', faid the Bing. What fap mbat bad paffed. pou to this Sir Ferox? Great Sir, faid the Epger, 3 utterly beny all that Quick-fcent affirms, ereept as to the number of Beaffs that met us, of which number be himfelf was was one, and my being affailed by three of the floutest of them, foz Mescue of the for ; foz whereas be faith, the Baifoner was like to efcape, 'tis utterly falle. Dis Efcape was that , which Quickfcent and his Company endeaboured: foz be, and that perfidious Millain, whole Life Ilpared, contribed the for's Befcue (as I trulp told pour Pajefty) foz ends beff known to themfelbes. To the Aruth of what 3 babe now afferted . Aapreal to the Baifoners Meffimeng. What credit, faibthe Ring, can we gibe to the Reffimony of fuch a Parlet? Debertbelefs, be hall be brought hither. Accordingly the for was brought by bis Reeper (Chained as be was) into the Boyal prefence ; to bim the Bing thus fpake : Reynardine , tho I thought neber (till at the place of Grecution) to babe feen pou moze, pet at this time to expound a Biddle. that none can so well unfold the Intricacy of, as your felf .

Telf Thate Ent for pou. Aberefore A now offer pout pour chaice, either of extream Lozment preceding pour Death, or of a merciful Death without Koz ture, that is Mozments, if you do not truly answer, mithour Conivocation . 02 and mental Referbation . to tohat I hall agk of you, or if you fpeak the very Eruth, Death fimply without any Masturing. Do Dueftion is two fold: First who it was that apprehended you? Great Sir (laid the far) I was apprehended once as Hlap fleeping , by Wirle's the Ale ; but bim Teafilp beluded, and fo efcaped. Long time after I was taken by Sir Quick fcent bere prefent, who beld me fo faft , that I could not escape , noz did I. till be delibered me un to Sir Ferox the Epger, whole Pailoner I was till brought bitber. Mere good, faid the Ring. Do fecond Queffi: on is, Whether Quick-feent loft pout, and afterward pour were found and taken by Ferox? Sir faid the for, Quick-foent after be bad taken me, neber loft me, but (for fear Acuppole) Delibered me up to Sir Ferox, from whom I bab certainly made my efcape, whilft be was Fighting with others, bad I not been re taken by Quickfcent, and the fecond time delibered up into the Appers Cuftobp. As toe went on our Journey bitherward, Sir Ferox told me be would perswade the Mobles to intercede for me to pour Maietty, for the pardon of my Life. if I would (befoze pour Baieffp) acknowledge bim (and not Quick-fcent the Lurcher, or any other) to be the only Werson that apprehended me. These were the bery woods be then fpake, as far as I can now remember. Bere the Apger would again baue fpoken. but the Bing commanded bim to be filent , Taping , I am bery certain the Waifoner bath now Cooken nothing but the berp Truth ; therefoze get pou gone, and (inflead of Reward) bold pour felf well contented, that I punify you not , tog what you babe bone, So away went the

the Apper greatly aspamed; and well be might, for this bale Accordia made him contemptible to all the Beasts of the Kortest. But Quick-scent the Luceher was highly praised and honoured by the King, who himself called him Lord Quick-scent; giving command to all then present to publish his Honour to all his Audiens. To the Kort was given a Keprieve for three days, that he might the better sit himself, to beclare all the Aransacions offic whole Life, as the King required, and he had promited be would.

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Reynardine's last Speech, which discovers all the Transactions of his fore-passed Lite. He is hanged and quartered, and his Quarters disposed of as pleased the King.

pen the day appointed for the for's Execution was fully come, he was in the forenoon taken our of the Pailon, not with dislance and contempt of the Pultitude (as his father had been) but only bound as Walefattors are wont to be, and here simily hed to the place defigned for his Execution. Hor fuch was the dings command, that he might (without too great perturbation of mind) disclose all the Antergues of his former kits. When the king and Poble school placed themselves as commodications. They could be adapted themselves as commodications, they being on the Ladder exerced against the Gallous, in pereon he was to be Executed) saying: Reynardine Aexpectived against the Gallous, in pereon he was to be Executed) saying: Reynardine Aexpectived

ped you will be ingenious, and according to pour promife, now gibe us an erac and true (tho baiet) Account of the Branfacions of your whole Life; that in after times, when your Diffozy hall be read, oz related to others, they may take Crample by pour Misdemeanours. I know you cannot but be quilty of many bainous Crimes : therefore 3 erpett afree, true, and candid Confession from you, wherein 3 hape pon will nor beceibe my expedation. To this the for fad , Drend Soberaign , I wil concent nothing of all I babe bone . oz can remember I babe bone worthy of blame, reprebension or punishment, from the time of my fathers Areason, unto this bap. Reynardine, said the Bing, you speak well; if you do as you fap , 3 also will keep my wood , and you thall die with Wercy, not with any the leaft Toament; if otherwise you intend to baulk us, take what follaws. By these words of the King, the for well understood it would be in bain for him to hope by Lping, to reap any profit. Therefore fincerely, and without fraud og falacy, be began bis Speech as follows.

Reynardine, the only Son (furviving) of Reynard the Fox, quondam Traitor annihere now (as 1 Jufily deferve) ready to be Executed, for Grimes indeed (long before this) deferving death. For altho of my Fathers Treason I knew nothing; before the Morning, in which he returned with about Four hundred Souldiers to his Castle of Malepardus; yet that very Morning, when he fent my Brother Kalpus and my self away with his Treasure into the Brovince of Longwood, he told us that those two perfidious Lords (as he called them) Stylook the Panther, and Firrapel the Libbard, had

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had betraved him; therefore commanded us to Profecute them with perpetual hatred, till we had rained them both. This fatal Command hath been by me fatally Executed, as in order I purpose most truly to declare. As touching the Treasure, which was bound up in ten Packs, that we devided equally, after we had (as our Father commanded) killed the Guide that conducted us into that Province. What the particula's of that Treasure were, I never knew; nor had I ever any fuch conference (as I feigned) with Adramand the Inchanter about hiding the same. For it was not long before we were rob'd of all by certain very potent Beafts of that Countrey, whose Names Inever knew. At that time my Brother, too unfeafonably striving to defend his part of the same Treasure, lost his Life. Then also I fled for my own safety. and it was my good hap to go into the Dutchy of Manton, where I found Entertainment in the Monastery, and was afterward admitted a Member of that society, but being enjoyned Penance for my Thefts there commitred, I unhappily ran away with my Religious Habit; by the benefit of which I lived very plentifully for a time; yet not without abundance of Lies, and feigned pretences of Sanctity. For I was never in all my Life truly Religious; but always tacrificed my Honesty to my Profig. My precence of Religion quickly ceased after the loss of. my Religious Habit, and I was reduced to extream Poverty. This necessity forced me to adventure, naked as I was into this Kingdom, where (by advice of Zani. the Ape) I practifed Phylick, as is very well known. During this Practice, I wilfully and purposely killed the Old Lord Firrapel with an Opiate Medicine, which caufed him to Sleep eternally. After I was discovered, I again went into the Dutchy of Manton, and by a Mountebank's'.

bank's help, had my Tail and Ears cut off. Thus diffigured I hoped to have been a fecond time admitted into the Monastery, but was discovered and repulsed with shame. Then I hastned hither again, and by feighed Lies got admittance into the Lord Sly-look's fervice. whom I purposely poysoned, mixing the Juice of Toads with the Diet-drink, that was made for him by Doctor Afino's order. My feigned lamentation for my Lords death, occasioned your Majesty to make me one of your Purveyors. In this Office I had not long been . before I was known by Gibbrel the Car; him I drew into a Snare and murdered. A while after came Grimbok the Mastiff, whom I (fearing he would discover me) by Policy caused to drown himself in a Well. Not long after that Brindle the Mastiff came also into the Forrest and so to me; but I supposing he had not known me, denied my true Name, and to put him off, that he came no more to me, nor faw I him afterward, till in your Majesties presence, where he uttered nothing touching me, that was not most true; yet to fave my own Life, I denied all, and approbriously accused him, till his violent fury caused your Majesty to cast him into Prison. That Night I Poyfored him with Arlenick in Broath, which I my felf made, and carried to him. The depredations I made upon Chantacleer's Kindred in Pittwood, were only to fulfain my own Life, and not out of malice or wantonness, whatfoever may be faid or thought to the contrary. And I do now here truly confels that the Inventory I gave to your Majefly of my Fathers Treasure, was all a meer Fiction, containing not one fyllable of Truth, but invented only to escape the puniffement I then deferved. Also all and whatfoever I pretended was taught me by Adramand the Inchanter, was falacious and deviled. So likewife were the Circles

cles I made, Sacrifices offered to the Gods; and pretended Visions, all Devices invented for the same end; and to delude the Lurcher, now Lord Quick-from, as accordingly I did. After this having fled (by the benefit of agreat rain, which hindred his pursuing me) into the Kingdom of Zalap; where I well knew I could not befafe, without entring into the Service of fome Inhabitant of that Countrey; I was directed to the Palace of one (Nick-named for his Prodigality) Squire Careleft, with whom I dwelt almost three Months at my ease. and with Liberty enough. Here it was in the Back-yard of the Squire's Palace, that I was taken by Wirlefs the Als: who (too raftly giving credit to my feigned Speeches) not only loft me his Prisoner . but his own Liberty ever after. For he was taken and made a Slave by a certain Woodman. Him in a few days after. I faw (among other Affes his Fellow Slaves) with a Load of Wood upon his Back in my Makers yard as a little before. I had seen the dead Body of Grunt the Swine, carried upon Mens Shoulders into my Masters Kirchin. Bur this good Matter of mine had made fuch hafte to found all and more than all, that he broke and ran away, leaving all his Slaves to the Cultody of New Mafters: by one of which I should have been taken had I not warily escaped by flight. Then went I to my second Mafter, whose true Name was Thrist; but he by reason of his extream Coverousness, was in derission called Gripe the Mifer: With this Mafter (whose unfariable Avarice, with all my Thefts, I was not able to farisfie.) I lived fomewhat more than four Months, until that very Night came, in which I was taken by the Lord Quick-scent; of whom again I here most truly fay, that after he had taken me . he never let me go out of his reach by day or night, till Sir Ferox imperioufly commanded me from him; then indeed, as I faid before

I had efeaped, had it not been for him. Now Dread Soveraign, as I have spoken nothing but the Truth in all I have faid, I hope your Majeft y will command my Execution to be without Torture. To this the King . Reynandine . 3 Do beliebe von babe inbeed trulp beclared the principal and moli bainous Transactions of pour Life : but it griebes me not a little, that fo bile a Malefartaz (as pour felf) thould die wirbout Toature; neberibelefs fea my paomife fake it tall be fo. Pet after beath pour Boby fhall be febered in Barts and pour Bead and Buar: ters exposed to publick bisto, till they periff by length of time that all that fee and behold the fame, may be pour Enfample take warning. Dabing faid this, be asked the For whether be bad any thing moze to fap? To this the for antwered, Do, not any thing moze. Aben the drecutioner by the Bings Command, Did bis Dffice, Afrer be was bead, bis Bead was fleicken off, bis Entrails taken out and buried, and then bis Body bibibed into four parts, which were fet up upon Boles in the four paincipal places of the forrest ; but bis Bead was delibered to the Load Firrapel to be fet upon bis Countrep Walace. to thew to all, that his father was Wurthered by him whose Bead that had been. The Lord Sly-look's Dmel. ling was too near the Court, therefore no one of his Quarters could be placed there.

After this the bing fer footh a very fevere Poolamation, prohibiting any of the Fox's Lineage to enter the Forresh by Day or Right, but this Proclamation was inessential: for no Laws, how fevere foever, can debar that Family, from instanting themselves into all Socies

ties , as experience baily manifefts.

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